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SUMMARY.

The "Temps" says that General Kuropatkin will have 500,000 soldiers by the end of May.

Vice-Admiral Togo says that the entrance at the neck of the narrowest part of the channel at Port Arthur is impracticable for the larger ships.

The Japanese at Chong-ju have advanced to Kong-chon, 12 miles from Wiju.

They skirmished and drove the Russians northwards.

The Japanese torpedoed a Japanese steamer which was conveying provisions to Port Arthur, and 25 persons perished.

The Japanese have ceased watching for the Mandjur, being satisfied that her disarmament is complete.

Ten thousand Russians with 60 cannon are at Ninchwang, and they are mining the river, intending to close the port.

The war correspondents at Tokio will be allowed to proceed to the front on April 6.

The Russian cruiser Aurora is proceeding to Cherbourg. The Dmitri Donskoi has coaled at Carthagena.

The German liner Fuerst Bismarck has been indirectly sold to Russia for £200,000.

Further details show that the Thibetans who attacked the British mission fought desperately before being repulsed.

They were subjected to the fire of guns, Maxims, and rifles, and their casualties amounted to 750.

The Thibetan prisoners state that the plan of their general was to let the mission pass, and then attack it when passing through a wall.

The "Debats" appreciates the reasonableness of the British claim as regards Thibet.

M. Coombes has ordered all crucifixes and religious pictures behind judges in the courts to be transferred to art galleries.

Witness at the Coroner's Court in Philadelphia says that live babies were thrown into a crematorium, their cries being heard.

Fifteen thousand weavers at Roubaix, France, are on strike to secure 10 hours, instead of 10½, as a working day.

Thirteen thousand five hundred miners in Iowa are also on strike.

The Pope has appointed a commission of Cardinals to co-ordinate and modernise the principles of canon law.

The Pope is disposed to abolish perpetual vows in the case of monks and nuns.

Outbreaks of small-pox have occurred at Leicester, and in Yorkshire. Of 45 patients 35 had not been vaccinated.

Sir Harry Rawson and Lady Rawson visited the military camp at Canterbury on Saturday.

At a smoke concert held in connection with the People's Reform League on Saturday night, Sir William M'Millan made some noteworthy remarks.

He declared that during the past 10 years the standard of public life had been declining.

He also declared that the retrogressive tendencies noticed in the State Parliament had been imported into the Federal Legislature.

Sir William M'Millan strongly condemned the restrictive effect of some recent legislation as opposed to the best ideas of liberalism.

Burglars entered the premises of Messrs. Henfrey and Co., Redfern, on Friday night, and stole the contents of a safe.

The stormy conditions of last week have passed away, and smooth seas are running on the coast.

There were 25,000 people at the Royal Show on Saturday, constituting a record.

The takings amounted to £1294, an increase of £215 over the amount received on the corresponding day of last year.

During the contest for the Royal Hunters' Plate the horse Premier fell and his rider sustained a broken leg.

The champion butter-fat test and the "Sydney Mail" prize were won by Mr. F. A. Mackenzie's cow, Mr. W. H. Dean's being second.

The new flagship Euryalus arrived in Sydney on Saturday morning from Plymouth, via Hobart, and moored at the Royal Arthur's buoy, in Farm Cove.

Sir John See will leave Sydney by the San Francisco steamer Sierra to-day, to make a stay in New Zealand.

At the A.J.C. meeting on Saturday, Sweet Nell won the Autumn Stakes, Chere Amie the Doncaster, and Emir the St Leger.

Queensland in their first innings against New South Wales, at Brisbane, scored 132, and New South Wales lost one wicket for 93.

Noble secured four wickets for 19 runs, and Grounds also bowled well, securing three wickets for 7 runs.

The Australian Protestant Defence Association is holding a series of Easter meetings in advocacy of its principles.

Mr. Deakin has inspected the proposed site for the Federal capital at Bombala, and has returned to Melbourne.

Sir John Forrest intends to proceed to Tumut, and he will be rejoined by Mr. Deakin.

The contests to decide the bowling championship of Australasia were begun in Sydney on Saturday.

The traffic returns of the Melbourne trams for last month show a substantial increase, both in respect of revenue and mileage.

A sub-department has been created in Queensland for the better administration of the Sugar Works Guarantee Act.

A terrible burning fatality occurred at Grafton early yesterday morning, in a general store, occupied by Mrs. Long.

It appears that Mrs. Long, finding smoke in a bedroom, aroused one of her children, and ran downstairs, telling the others to follow.

Her four girls and one son, who ranged in age from 9 to 17 years, became bewildered, and were burned to death, the house being destroyed.

Last week a phenomenal rainfall took place in the Dungog district, 11¾in being recorded.

A destructive fire occurred at Rockitt and Sons' factory at Waterloo yesterday morning.

A graphic account is supplied of the experience of the Terra Nova in relieving the Antarctic exploring vessel Discovery.

Captain Scott was much affected by the press criticisms regarding the expense of the expedition, and he refused to take Government stores.

The captains, officers, and men of the Discovery and the rdiief ships have received hearty congratulations upon their achievements.

The South Australian Treasurer says his revenue from transferred departments will be £100,000 less than was received prior to federation.

The Australian Socialist League has described its objects as "the collective ownership of the land and machinery of production operated for use."

The socialists have decided to nominate six candidates at the forthcoming elections.

The waterside workers who were on strike have resumed work at Keppel Bay.

At the annual conference of the Commercial Travellers' Associations of Australasia at Launceston the report showed a membership of 2542.

The Queensland Government has appointed Mr. Frederick Jones as commercial agent in the Far East for six months.

The Tasmanian House of Assembly will meet on Wednesday.

The total fruit shipments from Hobart this season amount to 294,531 cases.

In the Sydney v Melbourne University cricket match, Sydney in their first innings compiled 270 runs (Futter 60).

It is reported in Melbourne that Colonel Irving, of the headquarters staff, is to be asked to resign in accordance with the retrenchment policy.

Messrs. Millard and Rose, candidates for Queanbeyan, have had a conference, and the Central Reform body will make the final selection.

A stabbing affray occurred at North Sydney on Saturday night, two men being injured.

On Sunday morning the police fired five revolver shots at two men, who were running via Hyde Park, after rifling a man's pockets.

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From HOBART.—April 5, 16, 26.

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7.30 a.m. for Nowra; 7.35 a.m. for Wollongong; 8.0 a.m. for Goulburn; 7.50 a.m. and 8.10 a.m. for Mount Victoria; 8.20 a.m. for Eskbank; 7.32 a.m. for Gosford; 8.5 a.m. for Newcastle.

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Passengers for Gosford and Newcastle will not be conveyed by the North-west Mail, leaving Sydney at 7.30 p.m., but must travel by special train, leaving Sydney at 7.55 p.m.

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CLOSING OF CENTRAL BOOKING OFFICE.

The Central Booking Office will be closed at 10.0 a.m.

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THE COMING OF THE KING.

BY JOSEPH HOCKING.

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CHAPTER I.—Continued.

THE COMING OF KATHARINE HARCOMB.

I went to the stables, therefore, and saddled Black Ben, a colt which had been a kind of playmate to me, and which had required very little breaking in order to allow me to ride him. For however he might treat another rider, to me he was gentleness itself. I was proud of Black Ben, for he was the first horse I ever possessed on which the neighbours cast eyes of envy. Indeed, my father had been offered a good price for him, but although he wanted the money sadly he refused to sell him.

"No," he said, "thou hast a horse at last, Roland, and thou shalt keep it. I will sell some milch cows before Black Ben shall go."

He was a large noble animal, as black as the wing of a raven, and free from spot or blemish of any sort. I had never tested his speed, but I knew that there was not a horse between me and London town that I could not pass if I gave black Ben rein.

He gave me a whinny as he saw me, and presently rubbed his nose against my sleeve by way of greeting.

"You are going to meet the new king, Black Ben, my boy," I said as I patted him, and again he whinnied as though he understood me.

A few minutes later I was flying across the park on Ben's back. I was at this time nearly twenty-three years of age, and having taken after my father, was not a light man, but he bore me as though I were a feather.

When I reached the park gates I saw old Adam Winkley, who still lived at the cottage and called himself the gatekeeper, although there was no need of his services.

"Ah, Master Roland," he said as I came up, "I do wear as low the new king is comin'."

"Ay, so it is said."

"Well, God bless the king! I be always a king's man, I be. I be noan for old Noll's crew. Not but what they can fight. Give old Noll his due, he've made the furriners can see that the English can't be bait."

"We didn't need old Noll to make them know that," I replied.

"Well, as to that, Master Roland, forgive me for not havin' the same opinion as you; but I fought in the wars with your father, and I shall go lame to the end of my days because of it, and I know somethin' of fightin'. This I know, the furriners never feared the English so much as they did durin' old Noll's time. Not that I believed in him. I beän't a young man, but I still like a carouse, I do; and I like wood ale, and plenty of it, and I say let people enjoy themselves. And I reckon we shall see a change soon. When young Charles do come, we shall no longer have these sour-faced Independents rulin' the roost, and so I say with a full heart, God bless King Charles!"

I let the old man talk in this way for old time's sake. He had served our family all his life, and although others had left during our fallen fortunes, he had remained faithful.

"And when do the king come, Master Roland?"

"Next Tuesday, I have heard, but I am not quite sure."

"Then I shall start to walk to Dover town on Monday morning, so as to be in time to see him land."

"Ah, then I shall see you there. Both my father and I are going."

"I be right glad. I be in hopes that the new king will do your father justice, Master Roland, and that we shall see gay doings at Rashcliffe again. God save the king, I say."

At this moment my attention was drawn from old Adam by a woman who was walking towards my father's house. As far as I could judge, she was well advanced in years, although she walked with a strong sturdy step. She gave a hasty glance in my direction, and then kept her face steadily towards the house.

"Know you who that is?" I asked of Adam.

"No!" replied old Adam; "it can't be she!"

"Can't be who?"

"Can't be Katharine Harcomb, and yet she has her walk. But Katharine is dead. I've heard it many a time." This he said as though he were talking to himself rather than to me.

"But who is Katharine Harcomb? I never heard her name."

"No, she left Rashcliffe before you were born, and yet she was maid to your mother. She was a gay one was Katharine. What Katharine didn't know wasn't worth finding out. A pretty and handsome maid she was to do. As for darin', there was nothing she wouldn't do. One day she dressed in your mother's fine clothes, and the other servants didn't know her, she looked such a grand lady. They all carried on at her, thinking she was some visitor who had come unbeknowing to them. Ay, Katharine could act the lady, she could. Why, it is said the young king fell in love with her when he was Prince Charles, but that's nay nothing. Still, this woman can't be she, although she's got her look and her walk. Katharine died years ago—there can be no doubt about that."

By this time the woman was out of sight, while I heard my horse's face towards London, and rode a few miles in that direction before returning to the house.

It was drawing towards evening when I got back, and on entering the house I found that my father had given orders that he should be informed of my return.

"Roland," he said, when at length I went to him, "will you come with me into the library?"

"Yes," I said, wondering at his grave demeanour.

When I entered the library I almost gave a start, for in the room was the woman I had seen in the park. She looked up at me, and there was, as I thought, a bold and defiant expression in her eyes. She did not look like a woman of birth and breeding, and yet no one would regard her as a common serving woman. She possessed an air approaching gentility, and although her clothes were worn they were of good material.

"More mother than father," I heard her say.

I looked at her awkwardly, for I knew not how to address her, and although I lifted my hat and bowed as I would do to a lady of my own degree, I felt no constrainedly, not feeling comfortable in her presence.

"This is Mistress Katharine Harcomb," said my father. "She dwelt here before you were born."

The woman gave a laugh, which was half-defiant, half amused.

"Ay, I dwelt here before you were born, Master Roland; since then I have been dead, and now I am alive again."

I did not like the woman. Not that she was evil-looking; for she must have been very fair to look upon 20 years before, and even now she retained much of the beauty of youth. But her voice was harsh, the lines around her mouth suggested scorn and bitterness, while the strong chin should have belonged to a man rather than to a woman. I could see in a moment that she was not a woman to be trifled with; indeed, she evidently possessed that impetuous strength of will like unto that by which Queen Elizabeth made strong men quail before her.

"I pray you to pay good heed to what Mistress Harcomb hath to tell us," said my father, "for it is no light matter concerning which she would speak."

I knew not why, but my heart became heavy. I felt sure that the knowledge which my father had spoken of as power to bend the will of kings was somehow associated with this strong imperious looking woman who gazed steadily into my eyes.

CHAPTER II.

THE SECRET OF THE BLACK BOX.

I must confess to a somewhat strange feeling in my heart when I looked into the woman's face. I felt sure that she was trying to understand the manner of man I was, so that she might make up her mind how far I could be of service to her. For, from the very first, I could not think of her as a former serving woman of my mother. Humble of birth she might be, but I was very sure that her thoughts were other than those of a serving woman, and that she had mixed herself up with affairs of importance. Her great dark searching eyes, her strongly moulded face, her determined mouth, all assured me that here was a woman of far-reaching plans, and one who would stop at nothing to carry those plans into effect.

"More mother than father," I heard her murmur again, and then she looked from my father to me as though she were trying to discover the difference between us.

"Well, Katherine," said my father, "you have discovered what you set your heart upon, and which you spoke of when I saw you in St. Paul's Church."

The woman laughed mockingly.

"In less than a week the king will be in England," she said, "and oh! what a king!" and then she fell to scanning our faces again.

"The people be already crying 'God save the King!' said my father. "Already my old neighbours who fought for Charles I. be looking forward to the time when the Puritans will be despoiled, like the Egyptians of old, and when they will be rewarded for being faithful to the Royalty."

"Rewarded!" said the woman scornfully. "Will the eldest son of Charles I. ever reward an honest man? I know him, Master Rashcliffe. He will be the dupe of every knave, the puppet of every hussy in England. He will make promises without end, but he will be too idle to perform them. No honest man will be the better for his return, and no one will have justice unless that justice is forced from him.

"But have you discovered aught?" asked my father. "You know what you promised me. Moreover, when I last saw the dame with whom you had lodgment at the back of Aldergate-street, she said you had your hand upon the proof."

"And I am not one who makes promises lightly," replied the woman; "neither am I a woman who, having made up her mind, is easily turned aside. Nevertheless, there remaineth much to be done, Master Rashcliffe. The matter is not child's play, and he who meddles with matters which affect the king is in danger of being accused of treason. For Charles Stuart can act to purpose when it suits him. That is why I have not come to you before."

Here again the woman ceased speaking, and scanned me closely.

"This son of yours hath never fought in wars?" she said questioningly.

"Nay," replied my father. "During the first civil war he was too young to bear arms. After that my heart was embittered. I would not have my son uphold the claims of a man who was alike faithless to both enemies and friends. Then, when Charles was beheaded, could I allow my son to fight under Cromwell?"

"He was a brave, strong man," replied the woman.

"Ay, a brave, strong man if you will. But not such a man as my son could fight under. Besides, I would not have him mingle with such a crew as this army, fashioned under the New Model. Would I have my son become a psalm-singing hypocrite? Would I have him taught to cry down with the prayerbook! Would I have him made a sour-faced follower of old Nol, learning to make pious speeches in order to gain promotion? No, I have fought under the king's standard, and although the king betrayed us all, I would not have my son serve under my Lord Protector. Nevertheless, Roland is no weakling, as you see, neither is he a fool. Poor as I have been, I have seen to it that he hath learned something of letters. He can write like a clerk, but can read not only in the English tongue, but in Latin and in French."

"In French?" said the woman, eagerly; I thought.

"Ay, in French. Besides without ever having served with the wars, he knows everything of fighting that I could tell him, and as for swordcraft, I doubt if there is a man in London town who could stand against him."

Again the woman looked at me eagerly, and then she broke out like one in anger.

(To be continued.)

PRINCE CHARLIE.

BY BURFORD DELANNOY.

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CHAPTER XXXV.

CHRISTMAS EVE.

Mrs. Seton Carr seemed in no hurry to withdraw herself from the author's tightly clasping arms. Seriously it was really very disgraceful behaviour of hers. She excused herself with the knowledge that there was no audience—save the moon and the sea. After subsidence of her laugh she said—

"I have said goodbye for ever to the Chanterelles. They have left Ivy Cottage. I shall never see them again—"

"I thought—"

"I loved him?" she interrupted gleefully. "I didn't—I just hated him—"

"Yet you—"

"Pretended I did because I wanted to annoy you! There! I wanted to annoy you because—I . . . Don't Prince Charlie! You're making me look so untidy . . . Yes do—I don't mind . . . They'll think it was the wind."

Thoughts of other people and of dinner came to them at last. But it was half-past seven before they started to walk back home. What they said during all the time they were on the seat is a matter of concern to themselves only.

It is also one which even people are in love, their conversation is not remarkable for originality and general interest. Even authors get out of the stirrups—off their high horse—and talk like other people.

She explained to him that she had loved him from the first. He, wondering how he could have been blind to the fact hugged her close again. Thereupon she complained that he hurt her and then contradicted herself; in fact behaved like a true woman.

She confessed why she had not told him she was a widow. Seton-Carr at first: because she was a leader of London fashion and she knew he hated London Society and everything connected therewith. The newspaper people chronicled her movements and she was pained to be talked about; she had thought he would not fail to recognise her name.

But she need not have feared; he would not have done so. "Fashionable Intelligence," and all columns captioned in kindred fashion, he never read. And as for his own name, in the study of mankind the society papers were not very suitable text-books.

It would naturally be supposed that seeing how late it was they would have hurried home. Not they! It was nearly a o'clock when they reached Ivy Cottage. Dick was waiting for them.

"This is a pretty idea, upon my soul!" His greeting. "A nice way to treat your brother! Dinner has been waiting hours!"

"Never mind, Dick dear," replied his sister, pecking at his lips as she removed the pins from her hat. "It doesn't matter, it really doesn't matter in the least."

"Doesn't it! It matters to me! Am I supposed to be a fasting man, giving a seaside exhibition of myself? I've been to no mid-day meal, because I had to bolt whilst you were turning people out of the house neck and crop. I did think I was going to get some dinner! I don't even get an apology. You're flouncing around grinning all over your face as though you'd picked up sixpence. What have you been doing?"

"There—sit down—like a good boy. Here's the soup coming. Now start and try to make up for lost time."

She ran to her room and threw off her hat and cape. She laughed at her reflection in the glass—a laugh inspired by sheer happiness. Then she crept softly into Gracie's room; the child was not yet asleep, though sleepy. Bending over the cot she kissed the little rosy face, and the child's arms went up and around the neck of her "Dear Miss Mirvins."

Mrs. Seton-Carr had not been away from the dining-room more than two minutes; when she returned to take her place at table mischievous Dick was waiting for her, said—

"What have you been doing with the sauce you've have been sitting out on that blessed seat all night for? Why couldn't you come in like rational beings and sit in chairs and talk?"

"Never you mind, Dick; don't ask questions. Have some more soup?"

"Oh, you can't stop my mouth with soup! I have been kept without food for so long that I'm afraid to eat much! I expect it was some of that tommy-rot Prince Charlie was always flooding my ears with. About your eyes and hair—"

"Now, Dick," interrupted Masters, "drop that please. It is a forbidden subject."

"Is it? I am not to talk about what you said?" He turned to his sister and continued—"What have you had to say then, Sis? Been telling him how you begged and prayed of me not to let him—"

"Dick! If you don't be quiet, I'll never forgive you!"

"Now look here." Dick assumed an aggrieved tone. "Am I supposed not to talk at all? Is this house run on the silent system? I might just as well be having dinner in a deaf and dumb asylum."

"Talk sensibly then," said his sister patronisingly, "and we'll listen to you with pleasure."

"We! Oh, it's reached that stage, has it; plural! 'M very well. Let's take up a serious subject—horribly serious. Have you lunatics decided when your throats are going to be mangled into one; when you are to be married?"

"Dick! Don't you want—let me pass you some more vegetables!"

"Don't stop his thirst for information," interposed Masters quietly. "He's got to be head man, so he may as well know. It is settled that we are to be married by special license on New Year's Day."

"Oh, Prince Charlie!" she cried. "I never said—indeed I didn't—"

"No, dear," he replied calmly. "I know you did not. But you said that that woman I made love to on the boat; what was her name?—Amy—pass the sauce, Dick—allered that I said it rested with me, so far as the naming of the day was concerned."

"How can you—"

"It occurred to me that that was a capital idea. I am not one of those superior persons; am never above taking a hint. I know I have had—thanks to you—the most unhappy end of a year. By way of compensation I am going—thanks to you again—to have a most happy beginning of one."

Dick viewed the consternation displayed on his sister's face to the accompaniment of a broad grin on his own, said—

"That's right! Start quarrelling now, even before you are tied up! Goodness knows what it will be like after, when you are sentenced to—I mean when you are lipked for life. Miserable wretches! You have my sincerest sympathy; all my pity."

"It takes two to make a quarrel."

Prince Charlie utterine the aphorism. Then holding out his hand to Mabel, he continued—

"You agree with me, don't you, darling? Just by your action convince this heardless youth that we are in accord about the first of January—if we are to be married on that day put your hand in mine."

She hesitated a moment; perhaps her brother's derisive laugh helped her to action. She put it right there.

"There's one thing about this affair—having long been an acute sufferer from my headstrong sister's temper," said Dick, grinning all over his face, "with which I am distinctly displeased."

"You are going to make one of your terrible jokes, Dick," she said. "I can see it in your face!"

"Oh, let him run loose," interposed Masters. "It's Christmas time, you know. What's the joke? If it's going to give us pain, out with it—as the boy said to the dentist."

"If you labour over one of your usual atrocious puns, Dick," warned his sister, "I'll throw you down and pummel you black and blue!"

"I was merely going to observe," said her brother, regardless of the threat, "that I was glad that at length you had found your master!"

He had to howl for mercy before she let him up.

CHAPTER XXXVI.

THE CHRISTMAS BOX.

Gracie had to be reckoned with. Prince Charlie was looked on as her exclusive property. Considerable diplomacy and tact would have to be brought to bear; that exacting atom of humanity needed careful handling.

Uncle Dick, with a thoughtfulness which earned from his sister and prospective brother-in-law grateful thanks, went out, late as it was, and routed round the few shops of which Wivormsea boasted. The shops were full of people and empty of wares. By diligent search he ran to earth in a grocer's shop a box of crackers, packed by Tom Smith, as he needed to find it packed: labelled Pantomime. He thought that would answer the purpose of conciliating his niece.

He was not disappointed. On the morrow, with a harlequin's cap and mask, a wand, and conjured up recollections of last year's pantomime all went well. Promise of a visit that week to another pantomime completed the matter. There was no breach.

Gracie gave up all rights in Prince Charlie. Indeed, viewed his changing form in the character of a new pantomime curious equanimity. Curious, that is to say, to anyone ignorant of her knowledge of the doings of fairies. The literature upon which she fed was of the divided syllable type. A story without a fairy in it was beneath her contempt.

So it was that on Christmas morning she viewed the matter complacently. Having disposed of Prince Charlie to her mother, she gave him Miss Mirvins as a Christmas box. Borrowed his fountain pen, and in a large round hand wrote:—

"With best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year." Putting this into Miss Mirvins' hand, she gracefully led that lady to her former prince; was rejoiced when she saw how glad he was to accept her gift.

And the wish was realised, too: their Christmas was of the merriest. Gracie said she had never been so happy a one in all the years of her life; was of opinion that the harlequin had been at work with Uncle Dick; he was so different from what he used to be.

Uncle Dick was, and he knew it. Looked back at his past with eyes full of horror, at his prospective brother-in-law with love in them, because he felt, knew, to whom his reformation was due.

Gracie's other wish was granted: the new year was a happy one. It commenced with the actual transformation of Prince Charlie into Gracie's new papa. The child said she had never made a change which pleased her so much.

As Gracie wisely observed, it was not now a matter of occasional calls, he was always there. So much better, wasn't it? She really thought they had all been quite foolish not to think of arranging it so before.

As to Uncle Dick—well, as Gracie said, he was changed; and it was a permanent change, too; he feared no relapse. Just sometimes the memory of the old evil times would return, and a suspicious moisture came into his eyes. He could not help thinking of what might have been, and what was. Thanked God from his heart for his present condition.

As to Miss Mirvins—well, of course, she no longer exists. She merged into Mrs. Masters on the first day of the new year.

Another change which had Gracie's full approval.

(The End.)

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SPORTING.

THE TURF.

The outer half of the middle grass track at Randwick was in use on Saturday morning, but the going was very heavy. Bridegroom ran a mile and a quarter at the best rate he could command, and Fanfare galloped a mile and a half. Diamonds was two lengths in front of Jacobite, and 20 in front of Green Mountain at the right end of a mile and a quarter, and Carrageen, with Ninyas for v mate, ran a mile at her best pace. Bon Soir led Calcium over six furlongs, and a working gallop over a circle was accomplished by Speculum. Jim Dorset and Mongestee neach galloped five furlongs, a distance over which there was not much to choose between Sarco and Fanshawe. The Motto Farm trio, Vitula, Harvest Lad, and Electra, were down, and look well. The first-mentioned pair ran six furlongs, and Electra travelled a mile and a quarter usefully. In a run over six furlongs Koopan was much too good for Lord Fitzroy and Flora M'Donald, and Haut Star ran a mile and a quarter at a sound pace.

Dingo was scratched on Saturday for all engagements at the current A.J.C. meeting while St. Simmer was withdrawn from the Maiden Stakes to be run to-day.

Among the passengers by the Melbourne express yesterday was Mr. Archie Yuill, a member of the V.R.C. committee, who has come over for the A.J.C. Autumn Meeting and yearling sales. Among those expected to arrive to-day are Sir Richard Baker and Mr. T. E. Barr-Smith, who will represent the South Australian Jockey Club at the racing conference to be held to-morrow.

The last race of the Licensed Victuallers' Racing Club's Meeting at Broken Hill on Saturday provided an unexpected sensation. Ironbark, after winning the Trial Stakes, was sent out for the Farewell Handicap, for which there was only another starter, viz., Valdimar. The latter won, but the spectators were evidently of opinion that Carpenter, Ironbark's jockey, could have done much better, and after the race there was a hostile demonstration on the part of the public. The owner of Ironbark subsequently lodged a complaint against Carpenter, and after investigation the stewards disqualified the latter for seven years.

The Onkaparinga Racing Club will hold its annual meeting on the Onkaparinga course, near Adelaide, to-day. The programme is a most attractive one, the principal events being the Hurdle Race, 500 sovs., 2m; the Onkaparinga Cup, 500 sovs., 1m 2f; and the Great Eastern Steeplechase, 1100 sovs., 3½m. Racegoers in and about Melbourne will be catered for by the Williamstown Racing Club; while in the Riverina the Wallaend Club will bring its Easter meeting to a conclusion. In our own State a large number of country meetings will be held, and the Wallaend Club will begin its two-days' meeting, the opening of which was postponed on account of inclement weather.

The programme of the Brighton Racing Club's pony and galloway meeting, to be held on Friday next, will be found in our business columns. Entries close with the secretary (Mr. S. Peters) at 5 p.m. on Thursday.

Picnic races (under A.J.C. rules) are to be held at Dapto on Wednesday, April 20. The programme will be found in our advertising columns. Entries close on Thursday, the 14th inst., with the hon. secretary (Mr. W. Hore).

QUEENSLAND TURF CLUB.

EASTER MEETING.

BRISBANE, Saturday.

The first day's racing of the Queensland Turf Club's Easter Meeting was held at Eagle Farm this afternoon. The course was holding, but the weather was fine, and there was a large attendance. During the day the sum of £297 was put through the totalisator. Results:—

Welter Handicap of 60 sovs., 6f.—Mrs. W. J. Tucker's Tibbita, by Pippin—Tabouret, 7st 12lb, including 7lb penalty (C. Carmont), 1; M. F. Ramsay's Lorena, 8st 10lb, less 5lb allowance (A. Bryant), 2; C. Roghan's Fortitude, 8st 5lb (allowance) (J. Anderson), 3. Other starters: Master Darley, 9st 4lb (J. Rogers); Resolve, 9st 2lb (J. M'Laughlin); Truce, 9st (J. Darcy); Dividend, 8st 5lb (A. Scott); Tizen, 8st 4lb (W. Bent); Tit Bit, 8st 4lb (F. Dwyer); Glory, 8st 4lb (M. Ridley); Ashore, 8st 2lb (F. Byrne); Torchon, 7st 9lb (Whatman); Ellington, 7st 10lb (J. Rogers), Jonah, 7st 9lb (Bent); Pashan, 7st 9lb (Scott); Mystery, 7st 3lb (E. Bell); Mystery, 7st (Ar Muirhead); Chorister, 7st (Penhallurick). Betting: 4 to 1 v Ellington, 6 to 1 each v Ashore and Tibbita, 8 to 1 each v Lorena, Jonah, and Glory, 20 to 1 v others. When going Ashore took command, and piloted the way past the five-furlong post a length from Lorena, who was a similar distance ahead of Tibbita, with the others bunched, and Glory last. Lorena led into the straight, but a few yards from the post Tibbita drew up level, and after an exciting finish, in which the lengths separating second and third. The others were bunched together, with Glory last. Time, 1m 18s. Dividends: Tibbita, £2 5s; Lorena, £1 5s.

Open Handicap of 70 sovs, 7f.—T. F. Collins' Bubbly Jock, by Invader—Rubber, 8st 11lb (W. Wood), 1; T. Duncalick's The Trustee, 7st 9lb (C. Bolton), 2; E. J. Watt's Vibration, 7st 7lb (J. Bentley), 3. Other starters: Plockton, 8st 7lb (J. Rogers); Chesterfield, 7st 13lb (W. Hart); Vibration, 7st 12lb (W. Byrne); Best Man, 7st 9lb (W. Scott); Splenthorpe, 7st 7lb (J. Darcy); St. Barnard, 7st 6lb (F. Rogers, jun.). Betting: 5 to 4 v The Trustee, 4 to 1 v Bubbly Jock, 8 to 1 v Splenthorpe, 10 to 1 each v Best Man, St. Barnard, and Chesterfield, 20 to 1 v Vibration, 30 to 1 each v Plockton and Chesterfield. Plockton was the first to move, but at the end of the first furlong Bubbly Jock and Splenthorpe were together, and took the lead. Passing the five furlongs post The Trustee took charge, and raced round the bend from Vibration, Scabbard, and Bubbly Jock. The Trustee looked like winning a furlong from home, but Bubbly Jock shot out, and drawing away won easily by eight lengths, with Scabbard three parts of a length third. Then came Vibration, Chesterfield, Splenthorpe, and Barnard. Best Man, and Plockton. Time, 1m. 30½s. Dividend, £2 11s.

Hendra Handicap of 120 sovs, 1½m.—H. Robinson's Mungyer, by Carbuncle—Tripoli, 7st 11lb (J. Rogers), 1; J. Blacklock's J. R., 8st 2lb (F. Mullen), 2; D. Isbel's Sirdar, 8st 7lb (A. Scott), 3. Other starters: Gozard, 9st 7lb (J. Rogers); Auburn, 8st 11lb (F. Dwyer); Kassmillo, 8st 4lb (J. Darcy); Turf Fly, 7st 7lb (Penhallurick); Cutaway, 7st 5lb (E. Best); Venetian, 7st 4lb (Kassen). Betting: 5 to 2 v Sirdar, 3 to 1 v Mungyer, 4 to 1 v Kassmillo, 5 to 1 each v Gozard and J. R., 10 to 1 each v Auburn and Gozard, 14 to 1 v Venetian, 20 to 1 v Cutaway. The field was despatched to a splendid start, and at the end of the first furlong J. R. had taken the lead, and led past the stand for the first time a length from Zurich; then came Cutaway, Venetian, Auburn, Sirdar, Kassmillo, Mungyer, and Gozard. Racing along the back, J.R. increased her lead to two lengths from Cutaway and Zurich, with the others close up, and Gozard bringing up the rear. J. R. was first into the straight, but at the distance Mungyer challenged J. R., and with two strides drew level, and led by a length, with two lengths between second and third. Then in order came Kassmillo, Gozard, Auburn, Cutaway, and Zurich, with Venetian last. Time, 2m 36s. Dividend, £2 2s.

Nursery Handicap, of 75 sovs., 6f.—E. Marwedel's Mayfield, by Garfield—Ida, 8st 7lb (R. Grant), 1; J. W. Steele's Lord Bernie, 8st 11lb (F. Mullen), 2; J. Blacklock's The Painter, 7st 8lb (Penhallurick), 3. Other starters: Milltown, 9st 7lb (A. Scott); Nana, 9st (W. Stewart); Kate Rooney, 7st 12lb (E. Best); Archives, 8st 13lb, incl. 3lb over (Bolton); Namsool, 8st 10lb, incl. 3lb over (Kassen). Betting: 7 to 4 v Milltown, 6 to 1 each v Kate Rooney and Namsool, 9 to 1 v Mayfield, 10 to 1 each v Lord Bernie, 20 to 1 each v Nana and Painter, 20 to 1 v Archives. Archives dwelt when the barrier lifted, and lost several lengths. Kate Rooney was first away, and led past the six furlong post half a length from Mayfield, with Nana a length ahead of the others, and Archives last. Passing the half mile Mayfield assumed command, and after beating off a determined challenge by Lord Bernie won by a head, two lengths separating second and third horses; then came Milltown, Nana, Namsool, and Kate Rooney. Time, 1m 18⅘s. Dividend, £5 10s.

First Novice Handicap, of 75 sovs., 1m and a distance.—Hon. F. J. Power's Gin, by Carbine—Lady Ada, 7st 12lb (C. Carmont), 1; F. Maher's Sir Patrick, 8st 10lb (Jas. Rogers), 2; R. Newton's Miss Dido, 8st (E. Best), 3. Other starters: Lady Phyllis, 9st 3lb (M'Laughlin), Leander, 8st 13lb (Anderson), Sutherland, 8st 7lb (A. Scott); Starfish, 7st 5lb (C. Bolton); Alarm, 6st 12lb, incl. 2½lb over (Kassen); Sir Toby, 6st 7lb (L. Bird). Betting: 2 to 1 v Sir Patrick, 3 to 1 v Miss Dido, 10 to 1 v Lady Phyllis, 12 to 1 each v Starfish, Alarm, and Sir Toby, 20 to 1 Leander. Lady Phyllis was the first to move, but when past the stand, and led along the railway end by half a length from Sutherland, who was two lengths from Lady Phyllis, with the others bunched, and Sir Patrick last. At the six furlongs was Alarm ran second place, but Gin was first to enter the straight, two lengths in front of Miss Dido and Sutherland, in the home run Sir Patrick started to gallop, but gradually the leader, but Gin gradually drew away, and won by two and a half lengths, three and a half lengths separating second and third horses, then came Starfish, Sutherland, Sir Toby, Lady Phyllis, and Alarm. Time, 2m 0⅘s. Dividend, £1 11s.

Totalisator Handicap of 85 sovs, 1m.—T. Duncalfe's The Trustee, by Niagara—Faith, 7st 8lb (C. Bolton), 1; W. D. Wardell's Truth, 7st 9lb (A. Scott), 2; L. and W. D. Thompson's Fleet, 7st (W. Hopkinson), 3. Other starters: Lord Monmouth, 9st 2lb (W. Best); Lycett, 8st (E. Bast); Norseman, 7st 11lb (Jas. Rogers); Tit-Bit, 7st 10lb (C. Bolton); Splenthorpe, 7st 9lb (R. Grant); Gunscotton, 7st 5lb (M. Ridley). Betting: 2 to 1 v Levard, 4 to 1 v Truth, 6 to 1 v Gunscotton, 7 to 1 v Fleet, 10 to 1 each v The Trustee and The Pinch, 14 to 1 each v Lord Monmouth and Norseman, 20 to 1 v Splenthorpe. When going Lord Monmouth took charge, but passing the half-mile post he was joined by Norseman, and both raced together to the bend, where The Trustee assumed command, and ultimately won by two lengths, five lengths separating second and third, Levard was fourth; then came The Pinch, Gunscotton, Norseman, Splenthorpe, and Lord Monmouth. Time, 1m 48½s. Dividend, £6 8s.

ASPENDALE PARK RACES.

MELBOURNE, Sunday.

The Aspendale Park races were favoured by fine weather on Saturday. The attendance was good, and some capital sport was witnessed, the Hurdle Race resulting in a dead heat between Favourite, Satisfaction, and Sir d'Or. For the run-off Satisfaction was again favourite, and she squeezed home by a head. Results:—

First Handicap, 8f.—Unknown, 7st 5lb (M. Cantalow), 1; Marooon, 7st 8lb (Breen), 2; Lucky Star, 8st 6lb (Jones), 3. Other starters: Lady Stanhope, 7st 11lb; Ethly, 7st 8lb; Stopwatch, 7st 7lb; Lord Lee, 7st 5lb; Unknown, 5 to 1 v Lady Stanhope, 6 to 1 v Ethly, 15 to 1 v Stopwatch. Time, 1m 30s.

Handicap Hurdle Race, 2m.—Satisfaction, by Flotsam—Satisfaction, 10st 2lb (Wheeler), 1; Tri d'Or, 10st 9lb (Williamson), 2; Vision, 8st 5lb (Ryan), 3. Other starters: Reflector, 10st 7lb; Slim Jim, 10st; Bandmaster, 9st 7lb; Sweetness, 9st 4lb; Satisfaction, 3 to 1 v Slim Jim, 4 to 1 v Tri d'Or, 7 to 1 v Reflector, 10 to 1 v Vision. Satisfaction led all the way, but Tri d'Or finished very fast and caught him on the post stride, making a dead heat. Reflector was last. Time, 3m 57s. In the run-off the betting was 5 to 2 on Satisfaction, who made all the running, and won after a great race by a head. Time, 1m 48s.

Maiden Plate.—Mandeville, by Chesterman, 9st (Spinner), 1; Kamiguna, 8st 7lb (Cleal), 2; Advance, 8st 11lb (Smith), 3. Other starters: La Lorette, Vashti, Blood Rose, Gemtina, Ursaline, Fasoli, Sherman, Sinbha, Blood Rose, Constans, Callegs, Schmaate. Betting: 9 to 2 each v Constans and Kamimuna, 5 to 1 each v Mandeville and Ursaline, 6 to 1 each v Advance and Schmaate, 10 to 1 v others. Won by a couple of lengths. Fasoli was last. Time, 1m 5s.

Aspendale Park April Cup, 1½m.—Lucky Star, by Saltash—New Star, 8st 5lb (Jones), 1; Courtesy, 9st 8lb (Cleal), 2; Shot and Shell, 9st 12lb (Byrne), 3. Other starters: Legatee, 8st 7lb. Betting: 6 to 4 on Shot and Shell, 2 to 1 v Courtesy, 4 to 1 v Lucky Star, 30 to 1 v Legatee. Courtesy went to the front at the side, but Lucky Star headed her turning into the straight, and won by a length. Legatee was last. Time, 2m 33s. A protest entered against Lucky Star by the owner of Courtesy on the ground of interference was dismissed.

Steeplechase, about 2m.—Sutherland, by Exoticbon—Armidale, 7st 10lb (Thomas), 1; Antakoti, 9st 2lb (Barbour), 2; Billy Manton, 10st 5lb (Tomlin), 3. Other starters: Glenelg, 11st 2lb; Lamond, 10st 9lb; Chester, 10st; Jacques, 9st 13lb; Evening Star, 9st 11lb; Sapphire, 9st 9lb; M'Guinness, 9st 4lb; Hurricane, 8st. Betting: 5 to 2 v Anchor, 3 to 1 v Billy Manton, 5 to 1 v Sutton, 10 to 1 v others. Soutan led by six lengths at the distance, but Anchor finished very fast, and Soutan only got home by a head. Jacques was last. Time, 3m 35s.

Welter Handicap, 6f.—Boss Croker, by Rividsport—Armidale, 7st 10lb (Thomas), 1; Antakoti, 9st 2lb (Henkel), 2; Dahoney, 7st 12lb (Grattan), 3. Other starters: Deucalion, 9st 7lb; Staple King, 8st 12lb; King Bee, 8st 4lb; Music, 8st 4lb; Sunjy, 8st 3lb; Shipmate, 7st 7lb. Betting: 7 to 4 v Music, 5 to 1 v Boss Croker, 6 to 1 each v Staple and Shipmate, 7 to 1 v Kotalah, 10 to 1 v others. Won by half a length. The Sentry was last. Time, 1m 17⅘s.

NEW ZEALAND RACING.

AUCKLAND R.C. AUTUMN MEETING.

AUCKLAND, Sunday.

The Autumn meeting of the Auckland Racing Club began yesterday, when the two principal events resulted as follow:—

GREAT NORTHERN CHAMPAGNE STAKES of 800 sovs, second 75 sovs, and third 25 sovs; for two-year-olds; 6f.

Mr. R. Turnbull's ch c Boris, by Stepniak—Sheepherdess, 8st 10lb ... 1
Mr. J. Warner's b c Promotion, by Soult—Princess Alice, 8st 10lb ... 2
Mr. M. Friedlander's b c Beau Beaton, by Seaton Delaval—Miss Belle, 8st 10lb ... 3

Time, 1m 19 2-5s.

EASTER HANDICAP of 650 sovs, second 100 sovs, and third 50 sovs; 1m.

Mr. E. M. Sheedy's b m Regulation, by Regel—May, by Syrn, 8st 11lb ... 1
Mr. E. J. Watt's Starshoot, by Hotchkiss—Crescent, 8yrs, 8st 5lb ... 2
Mr. W. L. Thompson's Delasia, by Seaton Delaval—Belvale, 4yrs, 7st 12lb ... 3

Time, 1m 49 2-5s.

BROKEN HILL LICENSED VITUALLERS' RACING CLUB.

BROKEN HILL, Saturday.

The autumn meeting of the Licensed Victuallers' Racing Club was held this afternoon, over 1000 persons being present, a record for any of meeting in Broken Hill.

Welter Handicap, 7f.—The Christian, by Calma—Miss Glorious (Ryan), 1; Docility (Delay), 2; Valdimar, 3. Only three started. Betting: 5 to 4 v Valdimar, 6 to 4 v Docility, 2 to 1 v The Christian. 6 to 1 v Albani. Time, 1m 3s 1-5s.

Trial Handicap, 6f.—Ironbark, 6st (Carpenter), 1; Byjerl (Finlay), 2; Rayden (Morton), 3. Other starters: Easy Molly, Last Chance. Betting: 6 to 4 on Ironbark, 3 to 1 v Byjerl, 3 to 1 v Last Chance, 10 to 1 v other starters. Time, 1m 19s.

Licensed Victuallers' Handicap, 1m.—Blondin (Finlay), 1; The Christian (Young), 2. There was no other starter. Betting: 5 to 4 on Blondin, 2 to 1 v The Christian. Time, 1m 48s.

Easter Gift, 6f.—Albani, by Gang Forward—Pamela (Murray), 1; Docility (Delay), 2; Bender (Male), 3. Betting: 6 to 4 on Albani, 6 to 4 v Docility, 5 to 1 v Bender. Time, 1m 22s.

Farewell Handicap, 6f.—Valdimar, by Gulliver—Cowslip, 7st 11lb (Ironbark (Carpenter), 2. Betting: 7 to 4 on Valdimar, 6 to 4 v Ironbark. Time, 1m 23s.

After the last race the public made a hostile demonstration against Ironbark, who ran second. A complaint was laid against Ironbark's rider by the owner, and the stewards disqualified Carpenter for seven years.

ROSEBERY PARK RACING CLUB.

Following are the weights for the pony and galloway meeting of the Rosebery Park Racing Club, which takes place to-morrow:—

Flying Handicap, 6f.—Boss, 9st 5lb; Dandelion, 9st 2lb; Rokeby, 8st 9lb; Scotch Pebble, 8st 2lb; Olive, 8st, 2lb; Dart, 7st 13lb; Coolus, 7st 9lb; Manarine, 7st 9lb; Louisa, 7st 4lb; West Kay, 7st.

Pony Handicap, 6f.—Lom, 9st 4lb; Amanda, 8st 11lb; Armoyance, 8st; Tuber Rose, 7st 7lb; Vibrona, 7st 6lb; Stella, 7st 3lb; Wavelet, 7st 2lb; Mrs Chetwynd, 7st; Lacreta, 7st.

Pony Maiden Handicap.—Hands Wanted, 9st 9lb; Goldboy, 9st 5lb; Kerrika, 9st 3lb; Laura, 9st; Miss Chetwynd, 8st 13lb; Manalea, 8st 11lb; Trooper, 8st 9lb; Silver Lady, 8st 7lb; Sweet Friar, 8st; Waitress, 8st; Fourteen-two Handicap, 9st; Minnie Warren, 8st; Little Joe, 8st.

Novice Welter Handicap, 4f.—Yelumcum, 9st 7lb; Maid of Erin, 9st 4lb; Royal Duke, 9st 4lb; Mahon, 8st 7lb; Myles, 8st 5lb; Gertie, 8st 4lb; Zoe, 8st 4lb; Alcahist, 8st 3lb; Cameline, 8st; Black Watch, 8st; Soda Water, 8st; Royal Duke, 8st; Wishbone, 8st; Bridal Veil, 8st; Aeneas, 8st; Bonfire, 8st; Copra, 8st; Siren, 8st.

Fourteen-two Handicap, 9st; Bella Cole, 9st 11lb; Tricky, 9st 5lb; Slim, 9st 5lb; Fire Ant, 9st 4lb; Rivulet, 9st 3lb; Ebolin, 9st; Black Watch, 9st.

Rosebery Park Handicap, 1m.—Our State, 9st 11lb; Scotch Pebble, 9st 12lb; Jim Cooper, 7st 10lb; Dutch woman, 7st 8lb; Sprite, 7st 8lb; Sparry, 7st 7lb; Glamcore, 7st 7lb; Mostpetter, 7st; Le Var, 7st.

PAROO AMATEUR TURF CLUB.

WANAARING, Sunday.

Following are the weights for the forthcoming amateur races:—

Paroo Amateur Turf Club Welter Handicap.—Mark, 12st 4lb; Sultan, 11st 8lb; Wave, 11st 8lb; Sorrento, 11st; Junket, 11st; Ukon, 10st 13lb; Tom Cooper, 10st 10lb; Mylot, 10st 9lb; Lorima, 9st 12lb; Maida, 9st 10lb; Ben Star, 9st 7lb; Viva, 9st 7lb; Essence, 9st 7lb; Pirona, 9st 7lb; Ben Hur, 9st 7lb; Scout, 9st 7lb; Cadet, 9st 7lb; Pirene, 9st 7lb.

Wanaaring Handicap.—Mark, 12st 8lb; Sultan, 11st 12lb; Wave, 11st 10lb; Sorrento, 11st 10lb; Junket, 11st 8lb; Ukon, 11st 2lb; Mylot, 10st 10lb; The Bars, 10st 5lb; Hazard, 10st; Clara, 10st; Lorima, 10st; Lagrenée, 10st; Maida, 9st 12lb; Giaour, 9st 12lb; Donald, 9st 10lb; The Fop, 9st 10lb; Viva, 9st 10lb; Ben Star, 9st 5lb; King Will, 9st 5lb; Scout, 9st 7lb; Cadet, 9st 7lb; Pirene, 9st 7lb.

FORBES JOCKEY CLUB.

Following are the nominations received for the Forbes Jockey Club's meeting:—

Town Plate, 1m 1f.—Amalgam, Dumure, Albania, The Gem, Lady Maud, Carcano, Tapster, Clarrie, Melosi, Melosi.

Forbes Cup, 1½m.—Amalgam, Dumure, Albania, The Gem, Lady Maud, Carcano, Tapster, Clarrie, Melosi, Melosi, Madeline, Gilbert, Security, Little Benjamin.

SALE OF THE MORPHETTVILLE STUD.

ADELAIDE, Friday.

The Morphettville stud, which was established about 30 years ago by the late Sir Thomas Elder, but lately conducted by Mr. T. Elder Smith, was sold yesterday by Mr. A. Yuill. Thirty-four lots were offered, and they brought £3892. Mr. Clarence Wilson, of Victoria, paid 80 guineas for the Mostyn mare Lippin, with a bay filly at foot by Artillery, and at stinted to the same sire again. Mr. A. Y. Hudson gave 195 guineas for Moama, by Mr. A. Y. Hudson gave 195 guineas for Moama, by half-sister to La Carabine; and Messrs. Murray Brothers, of Western Australia, secured Albina for 100 guineas. The Hon. T. Mate, of Victoria, gave 95 guineas for Solitaire, by Newminster from Spirvia, and 110 guineas for Pilgrim's Progress from Hortense, a one-time crack two-year-old, and dam of many winners, realised 55 guineas. the purchaser being Mr. C. Tucker, M.P. Mr. S. Kidman brought the stallion Light Artillery for 150 guineas and intends using him on some of his country stations. The yearlings sold remarkably well, the top price (130 guineas) being realised for a brother to Gunstock. The only yearling to go out of the State was a brother to Volscian, which was purchased by Mr. A. Towton, of Western Australia, at 60 guineas. Mr. C. N. Kidman paid 150 guineas for the two-year-old filly Gunstock, who is the best of the early two-year-olds, and has won each race she has started for.

CRICKET.

NEW SOUTH WALES v QUEENSLAND.

THE NORTHERNERS SCORE 132.

FINE BOWLING BY NOBLE AND GROUNDS.

NEW SOUTH WALES ONE WICKET FOR 93.

BRISBANE, Saturday.

The weather was dull at the opening of the match New South Wales and Queensland. There were about 4000 persons present. The wicket was good, though rather slow.

Atkins, the Queensland captain, won toss from Noble, and decided that his team should bat first. G. Crouch, who made his first appearance in interstate cricket, and Lewis, opened to the bowling of Cotter and Johnson, Cotter's first over was a maiden, but Crouch cut Johnson's first ball for six. Lewis then drove Johnson over the fence for 5. A couple was scored, which made Crouch 24, Lewis was 8, and the score none for 36. Grounds replaced Cotter, off whose four overs 17 had been scored. Grounds had Lewis in difficulties in the first over, which was a maiden. Three runs later Cotter nicely caught Lewis in the slips off Grounds. Lewis was batting three-quarters of an hour for 9. Foster, who followed, immediately made a similar stroke to that which brought about Lewis's dismissal, but Cotter failed to take the ball. At 50 Noble was loudly applauded for a fine hit. At 53 Noble was missed at the bowling crease. Johnson had bowled seven overs for 24 runs. The first ball of Noble's second over bowled Foster, who was only two—two for the balance of Noble's over. Grounds, who had been troubling the batsmen, then bowled Crouch, who played a good innings for 39. Grounds now had bowled two wickets for 2 runs off six overs. Evans joined Carew. The first run off Noble was scored by Evans on the fourth over—a straight drive. Grounds, who had bowled seven overs for 3 runs, and had obtained two wickets, made way for Cotter, Carew was then caught by Kemsley off Cotter for 3. Noble had taken two wickets for 1 run. Atkins followed. At the advertisement the score was—Atkins 2, Evans 7; four for 66.

Hoad, Hopkins, and Grounds bowled on resuming. Malone and Noble with monotonous regularity, and two runs were scored in a quarter of an hour. Evans opened his shoulders and drove Noble for 2 and a single, in the next over Evans pushed Noble for 3. Grounds bowled Hoad's middle stump at 77. Evans batted nicely for 30. Grounds had taken three wickets for 8 off eleven overs. Marshall joined Atkins, and Hopkins relieved Noble. Atkins, who was batting for 70 minutes, was first ball dismissed Atkins, who put the ball softly into Bardsley's hands at square leg—six for 77. At 81 Johnston bowled in place of Grounds, whose record was 14 overs, 4 maidens, 7 runs, three wickets. Marshall was in 22 minutes before scoring. He then cut Hopkins to the boundary. He hit Johnson into the cut country, and Gregory missed a difficult chance. Fitzgerald, who was in 22 minutes for 3, put Hopkins through the slips to the boundary. At 87 Fitzgerald, when 8, was foolishly run out. Pyke, who followed, brought up the century with a hit. Pyke raised a cheer by putting Johnson into the pavilion for 8. Seventeen were scored off Hopkins since he got the wicket, and Noble replaced him. Marshall was bowled by a ball by Noble—8-23-125. Miller came next. Johnson, who had bowled 12 overs for 40, gave way to Cotter, Miller was bowled by Cotter for all—nine for 125. The advertisement for ten then took place. On the resumption Pyke gave Johnson a chance in the country, but it was declined. Pyke was caught by Jennan off Noble for 15. The innings closed for 132.

Grounds (who played for N.S.W. for the first time) and Noble continually had the batsmen in trouble. The former bowled 102 balls, off which only seven runs were got, and he took three wickets. The innings lasted 2 hours 55 minutes.

Duff and Jansen opened the visitors' innings to the bowling of Byrnes and Lewis. In 20 minutes the pair put on 38, of which Duff's contribution was 25. The bowling gave him no trouble, and his strokes were perfect. Three overs from Lewis yielded 19, and Fitzgerald relieved him. Jansen, who got 7 while Duff put on 27, opened his shoulders and doubled his score. Duff put Byrnes to the boundary twice in succession, and the over yielded 15 runs. Fifty was obtained in 57 minutes, and 75 in 43 minutes. Although the light was bad the batsmen pasted the bowlers. At 93 Duff (56) played back to Fitzgerald and hit his wicket. Duff played very well, and got seven fours. Jansen had shown good form in obtaining 20 out. With one wicket down for 93 stumps were drawn. The following are the scores.—

QUEENSLAND.—First Innings.

W. J. Lewis, c Cotter, b Grounds	9
O. G. Crouch, b Grounds	39
N. K. Foster, b Noble	2
J. Carew, c Bardsley, b Noble	3
W. T. Evans, b Grounds	16
A. A. Atkins, c Bardsley, b Hopkins	11
A. Marshall, b Noble	22
J. Fitzgerald, run out	8
R. D. Pyke, c Jansen, b Noble	15
D. Miller, c Cotter	9
T. J. Byrnes, not out	1
Sundries	16
Total	132

Bowling.—Cotter, 48 balls, 2 maidens, 24 runs, 1 wicket; Johnson, 78 balls, 4 maidens, 40 runs; Hopkins, 42 balls, 3 maidens, 17 runs, 1 wicket; Grounds, 102 balls, 8 maidens, 7 runs, 3 wickets; Noble, 82 balls, 7 maidens, 19 runs, 4 wickets.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—First Innings.

R. A. Duff, hit wkt, b Fitzgerald	56
E. Jansen, not out	20
Sundries	17
One wicket for	93

Bowling.—Byrnes, 0 for 28; Lewis, 0 for 19; Fitzgerald, 1 for 22; Miller, 0 for 17.

HEAVY RAINFALL.

BRISBANE, Sunday.

A thunderstorm broke over Brisbane this afternoon, and heavy rain fell. To-night more rain seems probable.

An official welcome was accorded the New South Wales team yesterday by the Mayor. Mr. Walcott, Chairman of the New South Wales team, in responding to the toast of the visitors, said he hoped in the near future to see Queensland contributing her quota to the Australian eleven. Mr. Noble also responded.

INTERSTATE JUNIORS' MATCH.

A team representing Moore Park and St. George Cricket Association (Sydney) met the Simpson's-road (Melbourne) Club in Gibbons' Paddock, Arncliffe, on Saturday. Keen interest was evinced in the match. The weather was a trifle sour, and for the local association was a new departure. Considering the rain that had fallen the pitch was in good order, and the play started at 2.30. After a delay it gave the batsmen some trouble through having worn. The Victorians won by seven wickets. Scores:—

ST. GEORGE AND MOORE PARK.

First Innings.

P. Ward, run out	1	T. Crispo, b Marshall	2
Walker, c Baker, b Marshall	1	F. Anderson, b Marshall	3
A. Hardwick, run out	7	M. Foley, not out	5
R. Parish, b Marshall	0	B. Perryman, ftw, b Crispo	0
S. Crispo, c Marshall, b Kelly	15	B. Jenkinson, b Kelly	0
H. Bushell, b Marshall	5	Sundries	1
J. Sutton, b Kenny, b Marshall	2	Total	26

Bowling.—Marshall, seven for 11: Kelly, two for 8; Jenkinson, one for 2.

Second Innings.

P. Ward, c Wynne, b Marshall	27	A. Hatch, c Braithwaite, b Marshall	0
F. W. Hill, c Kelly, b Crispo	0	H. Bushell, not out	11
T. Hay, c Crispo, b Hodges	1	F. Perryman, c Donnelly, b Braithwaite	1
G. Cearns, c Wilson, b Hodges	0	Anderson, c Quilty, b Kenny	3
E. W. Burke, c Hodges, b Marshall	6	Jenkinson, c James, b Faulkner	3
T. J. Aldcorn, c Braithwaite, b Marshall	8	Sundries	3
H. A. Richardson, c Kelly, b Marshall	0	Total	75
Dr. Sandes, not out	12		

Bowling.—Marshall, three wickets for 35; Lanigan, one for 4; Hodges, two for 10; Kelly, none for 9; Braithwaite, four for 14; Kenny, one for 13.

SIMPSON-ROAD ASSOCIATION.

First Innings.

A. Wynne, lbw, b Anderson	7	J. Marshall, b Hardwick	6
A. Hall, b Foley	14	J. Jenkinson, not out	0
D. Lanigan, st Bushell, b Hardwick	13	W. Guilty, c and b Anderson	0
C. James, c Crispo, b Hardwick	0	F. Donnelly, c Perryman, b Walker	7
G. Ho ore, c Ward, b Hardwick	4	A. Braithwaite, b Walker	8
W. Kelly, c Crispo, b Hardwick	1	Sundries	3
D. Donnelly, c Walker, b Hardwick	1	Total	67

Bowling.—Anderson, 2 for 19; Walker, 2 for 20; Hardwick, 6 for 24; Crispo, 0 for 12; Foley, 1 for 5.

Second Innings.

D. Lanigan, c and b Walker	2	A. Wynne, not out	21
J. Bahn, b Anderson	4	W. Kelly, not out	6
James, b Anderson	0	Sundries	3
A. Kenny, st Bushell, b Hardwick	1	Total for four wickets	47

Bowling.—Anderson, 1 for 7; Walker, 1 for 7; Hardwick, 2 for 11; Foley, 0 for 7; Perryman, 0 for 3; Crispo, 0 for 3; C. Crispo, 0 for 2.

The Victorians will play a team from the combined inner suburbs of New South Wales at Rushcutter's Bay on Wednesday and Thursday. The visitors will play the Western suburbs Association on the Tramway wicket, Moore Park, at 10.30 a.m. to-day. To-morrow evening they will be entertained at a smoke concert at St. George's Hall, Newtown.

WAREHOUSEMEN'S MATCH.

A team from the Melbourne staff of Messrs. Paterson, Laing, and Bruce, Limited, arrived in Sydney by the Melbourne on Saturday, to play a match with the Sydney staff. The play was to have begun at the Sydney Ground on Good Friday, but could not be proceeded with in consequence of the rain. Yesterday afternoon the Victorians were taken for a drive over by Mr. U. C. Balls (warehouse manager, Sydney). Amongst those who contributed items were Messrs. Norman Wilkie, Bell, Hall, Cowell, Lyndsay, Hughes, and Mr. A. Stalker. The match was played on Saturday, and was drawn. Amongst those present were Mr. E. Bruce (director, Melbourne); Mr. A. Lyndsay (managing director, Sydney); Mr. J. A. Clark (director, Brisbane), Mr. G. C. Balls (warehouse manager). Messrs. W. A. Stalker, F. Pitt, J. Newbigen, A. Bernard-e, M. Tuohy, F. Wilkie, and Secretary Lyndsay, and a host of friends. The visitors were entertained at lunch and afternoon tea, and also at supper at Paterson's Hotel by the Sydney directors at dinner. Mr. A. H. Templeman presided, and several toasts were honoured. A harbour excursion was held yesterday, and the members will leave for Melbourne by the express this evening. At each of the gatherings music was provided by C. Bexhall's band. The sphere was presented by the Melbourne bowler in honour of the Templeman, and to the tightest scores by Mr. D. H. Boddick. Scores:—

Sydney.—First Innings.

A. Chapman, c and b Ward	5	A. Devlin, b Swan	8
T. Pearce, c Kirby, b Ward	54	W. A. Yates, c and b Swan	0
L. Deane, c Kirby, b Ward	71	W. Galloway, c Taylor, b Swan	1
H. Goddard, c and b Machin	2	V. Benjamin, c Machin, b Taylor	2
P. Gowing, lbw, b Machin	3	W. L. Simpson, not out	12
C. Chapman, c and b Swan	17	Sundries	13
L. Walters, b Machin	0	Total	174

Bowling.—J. Taylor, one for 40; R. Swan, four for 34; Kirby, one for 18; W. Wilkie, none for 18; Pruscr, two for 27; Machin, three for 25.

Melbourne.—First Innings.

W. Prosser, b not out	31	A. Campbell, run out	2
H. Ward, c Gowing, b Deane	10	G. Taylor, c Chapman, b Galloway	18
J. Taylor, c and b Goddard	9	N. Wilkie, not out	5
J. Kirby, st Yates, b Goddard	0	Sundries	5
		Five for	72

Bowling.—L. Deane, one for 17; A. Devlin, none for 19; C. Chapman, none for 4; H. Goddard, two for 20; P. Gowring, none for 6; V. Benjamin, none for 8; W. Galloway, one for 1; A. Chapman, none for 1.

INTER-UNIVERSITY MATCH.

SYDNEY v MELBOURNE.

MELBOURNE, Sunday.

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The Autumn Meeting of the Australian Jockey Club was opened at Randwick on Saturday. For several days previously rain had fallen in the metropolis, and the prospects of fine weather on Friday night were far from bright. Saturday morning broke dull and threatening, but as the day wore on the clouds dispersed, and about noon the sun shone out in a manner most cheering to those who had looked forward to spending the afternoon at Randwick under uncomfortable conditions. Notwithstanding this umbrellas and topcoats were strongly in evidence, as precautions against the weather's vagaries. The club's domain and its surroundings looked at their best, and were in striking contrast to the sight presented last year, when everything was parched and withered up through the long continued drought. But on Saturday all this had changed. The landscape was bright and pleasant, while the lawns were clothed with an abundance of verdure soft and velvety under foot. The gloomy tales of ruin and disaster which one heard so frequently at the Cup meeting last year were also conspicuous by their absence. A great number of leading supporters of the turf in this State are closely identified with the land, and it was easy to note on Saturday the difference which a bounteous season had made in the outlook for them. Under the doubtful conditions which prevailed during the morning the attendance was very satisfactory, and was very little short of last year's record. The gathering was a thoroughly representative one, and included most of the leading citizens of the State, while interstate visitors attended in strong force. Among the visitors were His Excellency Sir Harry Jackson (Governor of Fiji) and Lady Jackson, and Captain Barton (Governor of New Guinea).

The Victorian contingent included such well-known sportsmen as Messrs. W. H. Croker, R. Crawford, W. J. Leonard, and O. M. Lloyd (members of the V.R.C. committee), Sir Rupert Clarke, Messrs. E. D. Clarke, J. V. Smith, C. L. Macdonald, S. M'Kinnon, Hubert Miller, F. W. Purchase, W. Hickenbotham, J. D. Pigdon, W. Leeming, J. N. Nisll, and H. Godfard; from Queensland came Dr. Connally and Mr. G. A. Morris (members of the Q.T.C. committee), J. Whitehead (Charters Towers), and W. Blackloch; Tasmania was represented by Hon. E. C. Davies (T.R.C.), Mr. Collins (T.T.C.); among the West Australian visitors was Mr. C. N. Kidman; and from India came Dr. Spooner Hart and W. Watson. Well-known breeders and squatters from all parts of the State put in an appearance, while representatives of the political, commercial, and professional life of the metropolis could be met at every turn.

The racing throughout was of a highly interesting nature, though the public would have better appreciated it had they been more successful in their selections. Despite the quantity of rain which had recently fallen in Sydney, the tracks were in very good order, although heavy, and the going, under the circumstances, was good. The greatest interest was taken in the Autumn Stakes, in which Gladsome, the champion filly of New Zealand, was engaged, but she suffered a narrow defeat from Sweet Nell, who put a brilliant finish on as recipient of a retrieving to the enthusiastic reception on returning to the weighing-in enclosure. J. Scobie's stable made an auspicious start, for Emir was also successful in the St. Leger, and was the only favourite to score. All the other events were won by horses who started at prices which left room for substantial advantage with the layers of odds at the close of the day. There were no accidents to mar the sport, and the programme was run through without hitch or unpleasantness. The arrangements for the meeting were admirably carried out, due to the capable supervision of the secretary (Mr. T. S. Clibborn) and his staff.

DRESSES AND ATTENDANCE.

The first day of the Australian Jockey Club Autumn Meeting is generally considered a kind of "off" day, as many do not care to go to the races on the Saturday preceding Easter Sunday. There was, however, on Saturday last a very good attendance, and although the Vice-regal box was unoccupied there were many visitors from all parts of the country and from the neighbouring States. The weather, which was very threatening in the early part of the morning, cleared up, and turned into a most perfect autumn afternoon, making the lawns and surrounding hills look beautifully green and everything bright and fresh, so that those who were present had a most enjoyable time. The majority of ladies wore dark dresses, and went prepared for rain, but there were also many in light summer things, so that the dressing was of a varied description. Of the autumn toilettes there were several noticeable changes in the fashions. Short skirts were worn by many made with full flounces, and the pin tucks, letting the figure closely and flowing out at the feet. The sleeves were large and full, and frills of lace and gauntlet cuffs were also distinguishing features. Braids in self colour, with sometimes a mixture of white and black, were much in evidence, but and black. Many of the dresses were marked by severe simplicity, the only trimming being many rows of stitching. The millinery, too, has undergone a great change, even judging from the comparatively small attendance on Saturday. There were toques of tulle or chiffon, others composed entirely of blossoms—violets, roses, or rose leaves—many of felt, some turned up with moleskin or other fur, and the new "torpedo" shape found many wearers. Mrs. W. R. Hall wore black grey spring hand-somely trimmed with black guipure, and a black toque with a narrow gold edge and black feathers. Mrs. C. M. Lloyd (Melbourne) was in black crepe de chine with a white chiffon front veiled with black lace, and a black hat tied with strings beneath the chin. Mrs. Carter's light grey was braided with black and white and relieved with a touch of pale blue on the front of the bodice, which was also ornamented with two large turquoise blue buttons and a vest of cream lace and lace ruffles. Mrs. Stuart Osborne wore a grey silk skirt, and a toque of very deep magenta-coloured roses. Miss Watson's dark blue flecked sibeline was trimmed with appliqué of velvet, and had a deep belt of dark blue velvet, and a blue toque with a white osprey. Mrs. A. Dangar wore a black crepe de chine, trimmed with chiffon, covered with tiny gold spangles and black lace, and a black toque. Mrs. E. Raleigh (Melbourne) wore black crepe de chine, with a Marabout stole, and a flat-shaped hat of dark Eminence purple velvet, trimmed with roses shading to dark crimson. Mrs. Alex. Hay's black glace silk was ornamented with herringbone trimming, and had a deep cream lace collar, and was worn with a black picture hat. Mrs. Ryrie wore cream voile, with a white fur stole and muff, the latter trimmed with flowers, and a large black velvet hat with feathers. Mrs. Floyd was in black, with a black velvet Russian blouse with fur collar, and a cream hat with pink berries. Mrs. Colin Stephen's short grey flecked tweed was trimmed with pale blue cloth, and worn with a blue and cream hat with a white osprey. Mrs. J. S. Brunton wore dark blue face cloth, trimmed with black and white braid, and touches of orange on the bodice, and a white and orange coloured "torpedo" hat. Mrs. E. Rusdle was in dark blue serge, with a royal blue velvet "torpedo" hat, and a cluster of pink roses on one side. Mrs. Wesche chose a cream and black striped flannel, made with a Norfolk jacket, and was worn with a black hat. Mrs. Merivale was in black and white muslin, and Miss Merivale wore a heliotrope and cream striped floral muslin, and a cream hat, with a ruching of pale green silk and some soft roses. Miss P. Walker's dark blue bopsack was made with a short box-pleated skirt, and had cream medallions at the foot; the bodice was trimmed with narrow dark blue and white braid, and the sleeves were finished with lace ruffles: she also wore a white hat. Mrs. Teece chose a dark blue face cloth, made with a long, tight-fitting coat, and worn with a dark blue and fawn hat. Miss Irene Marks was in black crepe de chine, with a deep cream lace collar and a fur stole, and a small flat hat of vieux rose straw, trimmed with darker velvet and flowers. Mrs. T. H. Kelly's short, dark brown sibeline was trimmed with brown guipure over pale blue, and worn with a brown hat with a crown of red rose leaves and a wreath of green leaves. Mrs. Inglis was in black face cloth, the bodice having a touch of pale blue cloth, embroidered with silver braid, and a white and black chiffon toque. Mrs. Arthur Brooks (Melbourne) wore cream serge, with handsome cream appliqué on the skirt, which was finished with a border of fur. She also had a sable cape, and wore an emerald green chiffon toque, with a white osprey. Miss Archheim's cream crash dress was trimmed with handsome guipure in a deeper shade, relieved with a swathed belt of pale green, and was worn with a marabout stole, and a cream toque turned up with moleskin. Mrs. H. Osborne was in black, her black toque having a narrow edge of gold braid and a black feather. Miss Kiddel (Melbourne) wore a short cream cloth skirt, the cream silk blouse strapped with green oriental satin, and a white felt hat with green velvet and white wings. Miss Rankin was in grey sibeline, the grey velvet bolero coat having a front of cream lace and touches of cherry coloured silk; her sister wore royal blue voile, with cream appliqué trimming, and a cream and blue hat with dark red ribbon and flowers. Miss Jooks was in cream voile, with black and white belt, and a black and white toque. Mrs. Forbes Sempill wore a short dress of cream cheese cloth, and a white stole and an old gold hat with dark green velvet and white flowers and green tea-rose leaves. Amongst others present were Sir Rupert Clarke, Hon. H. C. Dangar, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Lloyd (Melbourne), Miss Carter (Melbourne), Hon. W. R. Hall and Mrs. Hall, Dr. and Mrs. John Hay, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Dangar, Mr. and Mrs. R. Raleigh (Melbourne), Mr. and Mrs. H. Osborne, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Brunton, Mr. and Mrs. Teece and Miss Teece, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Osborne, Captain Lumsden, R.N., Mr. and Mrs. Colin Stephen, Dr. Ewan Fraser, Mr. T. H. Kelly, Mr. Mackinnon (Melbourne), Dr. A. 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Raleigh (Melbourne) wore black crepe de chine, with a Marabout stole, and a flat-shaped hat of dark Eminence purple velvet, trimmed with roses shading to dark crimson. Mrs. Alex. Hay's black glace silk was ornamented with herringbone trimming, and had a deep cream lace collar, and was worn with a black picture hat. Mrs. Ryrie wore cream voile, with a white fur stole and muff, the latter trimmed with flowers, and a large black velvet hat with feathers. Mrs. Floyd was in black, with a black velvet Russian blouse with fur collar, and a cream hat with pink berries. Mrs. Colin Stephen's short grey flecked tweed was trimmed with pale blue cloth, and worn with a blue and cream hat with a white osprey. Mrs. J. S. Brunton wore dark blue face cloth, trimmed with black and white braid, and touches of orange on the bodice, and a white and orange coloured "torpedo" hat. Mrs. E. Rusdle was in dark blue serge, with a royal blue velvet "torpedo" hat, and a cluster of pink roses on one side. 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LONERAGAN.—March 26, at Cura, Mudgee, the wife of J. Edward Loneragan, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

COHEN—HYMAN.—March 9, at Tamworth, by the Rev. P. Philippstein, Aubrey A., second son of Nathan Cohen, of Tamworth, to Vera, second daughter of Louis H. Hyman, of Tamworth.

WATTS—MACHARG.—March 16, at the bride's residence, by the Right Rev. John Walker, Henry Edgar, eldest son of Isaack Watts, of Auckland, N.Z., to Eleanor Grace, daughter of I. Macharg, L.S., North Sydney.

DEATHS.

BEAUMONT.—April 3, at Kincora, Mittagong, Frederick Beaumont, aged 65 years. R.I.P.

BLOWES.—April 2, 1904, at her late residence, Woodside, Orange, Mary Ann, wife of David Blowes, and mother of Mrs. I. Steel, Fernbank-street, and Mrs. C. Nimmo, Douglas-street, Petersham, aged 62 years and 9 months.

CROWHURST.—March 31, 1904, at his parents' residence, Gilbert Keith Crowhurst, youngest son, aged 10 months.

DAVIS.—April 2, 1904, at his residence, Inverness-avenue, Penshurst, Charles Herbert, beloved husband of Mrs. Blendi Davis, aged 30 years. At rest.

EVERS.—March 31, at Preston Cottage, South-street, Marrickville, Katherine (Katie), beloved wife of John Joseph Evers, aged 31 years.

GREISEN.—April 2, at her residence, Dennarkville, Liverpool-road, Burwood, Mary Ann, relict of the late Kerl Greisen, aged 64 years.

HARRIS.—March 29, 1904, at her residence, 18 Castlereagh-street, Sydney, Mary Jane Harris. After a painful illness my beloved mother has passed to her rest with Jesus. Inserted by her loving son, Walter. April 4, 1904.

HELMICH.—April 3, 1904, at his late residence, Cefn Bryn, Erie-road, Artarmon, Anthony Thomas Helmich, aged 45 years.

HENTSCH.—March 30, at the residence of Mr. Spooner, Jane-street, Auburn, Robert Adolphus Hentsch, aged 62 years, native of Brixton, London, late of the firm of Hentsch and Twigg, Oxford-street, Paddington, and brother of Mrs. Hentsch, 13a William-street, Redfern. Interred at Rookwood Cemetery.

HUNTER.—April 2, 1904, at Sacred Heart Hospice, Darlinghurst, Captain Alexander Hunter, of No. 1 Wallace-street, Balmain, aged 70 years.

LLEWELLYN.—April 1, 1904, at Sydney, Annie, the beloved wife of Thomas Llewellyn, of 23 Palace-street, Ashfield, aged 43 years.

LOGUE.—April 2, 1904, at her residence, 43 Victoria-street, Waverley, Letitia, relict of the late Charles Logue, aged 90 years. R.I.P.

M'COY.—April 2, 1904, at Ricarda, Marrickville, Richard M'Coy, aged 65 years.

MORGAN.—April 1, at Rugby (England), William, eldest son of John Furlong and Mary Morgan (by cable).

O'LEARY.—March 29, at Brisbane, Herbert D., late of Sydney, aged 32 years. R.I.P.

READ.—April 3, at Manly, Elizabeth Esther Read, beloved wife of John Cecil Read, aged 58 years. By request no flowers.

REIDY.—March 31, at her daughter's residence, Mrs. Thomas Parker, Crookwell, Maria, dearly beloved wife of Patrick Reidy and mother of Mr. John and Patrick Reidy, Pitt-street, city.

TIERNEY.—March 29, 1904, John P. Tierney, second son of the late Luke Tierney, Donland, Young, aged 26 years.

WARTON.—April 2, 1904, at her residence, 54 Denman-street, Glebe, Elizabeth Warton, relict of the late William Warton, in her 84th year.

WEBB.—April 2, at her residence, Metropolitan Hotel, 244 George-street, city, Emma Rosetta, dearly loved wife of Hugh George Webb, aged 37 years.

IN MEMORIAM.

ANDERSON.—In sad but loving memory of my dear husband, James Anderson, who departed this life April 3, 1903.

Another link is broken,
In my household band,
But a chain is forming
In a better land.

Inserted by his loving wife, Lizzie Anderson. Melbourne papers please copy.

BATCHELOR.—In loving memory of my dear husband, Robert Batchelor, who died April 4, 1902. Inserted by his loving wife, Annie Batchelor.

BELLMAINE.—In loving memory of our dear husband and father, Harry Bellmaine, who departed this life April 4, 1903, on board s.s. Mowera, at sea. In the midst of life we are in death. Inserted by his loving wife and children.

DONNELL.—In affectionate remembrance of the late Henry Connell, ex-police magistrate, Kiama, who died at Blackheath on April 4, 1896.

CORMACK.—In loving memory of Timothy Cormack, who died at his late residence, 249 Palmer-street, April 1st, 1903. Inserted by his loving wife, Bridget Cormack.

DOLSEN.—In loving remembrance of our dear mother and wife, who died April 3, 1903. Inserted by her loving husband and children.

DUNN.—In loving memory of our dear father, George Dunn, who departed this life April 3rd, 1903. Dead, but not forgotten. Inserted by his loving son and daughter, Alf and Violet.

EVANS.—In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Percy, who departed this life April 1st, 1903, at his parents' residence, 1 Dowling-street, Camperdown. Inserted by his loving parents, sisters, and brothers.

FAGAN.—In loving remembrance of our dear nephew and cousin, Henry Arnold, who departed this life on April 3, 1900, at his parents' residence, 74 Croydon-road, Ashfield, aged 18 years. Inserted by his loving uncle, aunt, and cousins.

Gone from sight,
But dear to memory.

KERRIDGE.—In sad but loving remembrance of my dearly beloved wife and mother, Margaret Kerridge, who died April 3, 1904. Inserted by her loving husband and family.

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SMITH.—In loving memory of my dear mother, Mary Ann Smith, who died at Omaha Private Hospital, Manly, April 4th, 1902, widow of the late Captain John Smith, and only daughter of the late Captain Brady, R.N. Inserted by her loving daughter, Mrs. Kerr, Marrickville.

SPRING.—In loving memory of my dear husband, Arthur Spring, who died April 4, 1903, at his residence, 47 Marion-street, Leichhardt, for many years in the Tramway Department. Inserted by his loving wife and children, Elizabeth, May, Sidney, Ella, Willie, and Gwendoline.

One less at home,
The charmed circle broken, a dear face
Missed day by day from its accustomed place,
But cleansed, and saved, and perfected by grace.
One more in heaven.

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WALLANCE.—In loving memory of Donald Wallance, who died April 4th, 1903. Beloved on earth. Remembered in the grave. Inserted by his fond Jeanie.

WILLIS.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Mary Ann Willis, who died at Balmain on April 1st, 1899. Leaves may wither, but memory never. Inserted by her loving daughters and sons-in-law, C. and T. Daniels, S. and G. Saurbier.

WING.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Sarah Ellen Wing, who departed this life April 4, 1902. There is sweet rest in Heaven. Inserted by her loving children, Nellie, Daisy, and Minnie.

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THE PUBLIC FINANCES.

As the year extends the effects of the break up of the drought are making themselves apparent in an increase of the public revenue. For March the increase of £147,000 was greater than that for any other month, while £1,095,000, the total amount, exceeded that of every other month except February, the return in which usually is swollen by land tax receipts. In the first quarter of the calendar year the revenue was £283,000 in excess of the aggregate for the like period of 1903, and it is this term which more accurately expresses the improved conditions, for in the previous half-year the revenue, amounting to £5,310,000, fell short of that in the corresponding period of 1902 by the sum of £54,000. The past favourable quarter has thus converted that decrease into an excess for the nine months of the fiscal year of £229,000. The gross revenue for the three quarters, amounting to £8,464,272, exceeds by 2.8 per cent. the aggregate for the like period of 1902-3. In estimating increases or decreases of revenue regard must always be paid to the growth of population, and as the increase for the year cannot be placed beyond 1½ to 2 per cent. from any known or probable figures, we may take the rate of growth of revenue as more than corresponding to that of the movement of population, and as, therefore, in that sense satisfactory.

At the same time, in looking at gross figures, there are always some items that require to be considered separately; and if these be eliminated the increase on the whole disappears. It is to be questioned whether an increase of £99,000 on a railway and tramway revenue of £3,157,000 can be regarded as satisfactory. It does not represent a proportionate growth of traffic from the larger population. And, presumably, there has been some increase of mileage and capital that requires an expansion of receipts relatively greater than that of the number of railway customers. Moreover, we require to know the amount of expenditure before it is possible to estimate the satisfactoriness or otherwise of a mere increase in the gross revenue. Even more dubious as a source of satisfaction is an increase of £125,000, or 10 per cent., in the land revenue. If the details when published should indicate a proportionate growth in that part of it which is represented by the proceeds of sales, then however pleasing it may be to know that colonists have the money to pay, it cannot be forgotten that the revenue yielded is so much of the capital of the State lost, or at least squandered by an extravagant Government. A very different word from satisfactory is required to convey a correct view of an increase in the land revenue of £125,000—a sum more than half of the total addition to last year's revenue. And the increases in receipts from water and sewerage rates likewise have to be considered in the light of expanding capital and growth of customers as well as of expenditure before it can be said that they are all they should be. Growing harbour trust receipts are in a like position. Together these items of increase account for the aggregate which Mr. Waddell regards as so satisfactory.

The receipts from the principal sources of revenue which indicate the prosperity of a State were affected by special conditions that obscure their significance. The returns from the Commonwealth, which takes the customs and excise, were last year swollen by receipts from produce, and this will account to some extent for the diminution of £128,000, shown in the figures of the past quarter, though it will be still more apparent in the next quarter. And the return is affected by Federal expenditure. If we take the customs and excise revenue for March, before being passed on to the Federal Treasurer, it shows a decrease of £11,000, not an increase of that amount. The revenue from stamps likewise affords little criterion of the passing conditions of the State, since it is largely affected by the irregularity incidental to the mortality of wealthy colonists. Then as to the land tax receipts, no conclusions can be drawn, since this year higher valuations have been imposed. And as to the income tax, we must await the collections of the last quarter of the year before it will be possible to say whether a present decrease of £7000 really represents the actual conditions. Probably the income tax might be taken as the best test of the general wellbeing, and if the decrease covered the whole period Mr. Waddell would not be able to draw satisfactory conclusions from the result.

While these facts do not afford a most cheering view of the conditions of the State, the mere ingathering of so much additional revenue is considered satisfactory by the State Treasurer. His chief concern is in getting money, and in securing a credit balance. Though in certain directions the public revenue exhibits deficiencies or lack of such measure of increase as would convey the idea of great prosperity, it is an enormous one, that admits of considerable savings in the hands of a prudent Treasurer. It may therefore be hoped that Mr. Waddell's statements of reduction in expenditure and adjustment of finance will end in a greater liquidation of the vast debit balance than he at first promised. We have had many such comforting assurances. The "Gazette" containing the usual abstract of details of expenditure has yet to be published. Meantime, Mr. Waddell's statement that the consolidated revenue account at the end of March is only overdrawn to the extent of £1,086,000, as compared with £1,240,000 at the corresponding period of 1903, is so far satisfactory, and it may be hoped that he will not disappoint the public by his anticipations of a better result at the end of the fiscal year than he predicted in September last. The conditions of the State are more encouraging now than they were at that time. We have an unprecedentedly large yield of wheat, and fairly good results from the wool clip, with a moderately favourable outlook on the coming year. There need be no doubt of the amplitude of the revenue. As it is now so it is likely to continue far too great for the number of people to be served. Therefore the Treasurer ought to have no difficulty in continuing that course of economy which he says has been in progress towards liquidating the overdraft. He should be easily able to set in order the finances which his administration has done so much to disorganise by overdraft after overdraft. It is gratifying to hear also that the loan expenditure is being kept down to the lowest possible limits of absolute requirements. What that is we are not now told. He has never named a sum that is small enough having regard to the exigencies of the market, which calls upon him for money he requires to pay up to 4½ per cent.—a rate higher than has been charged to the State for the previous quarter of a century, though in the meantime the price of money has fallen very greatly to colonies that have upheld their credit by moderation in borrowing—such for instance as Canada. Even if it were true, as members of the Government have said, that they have not borrowed so much as some of their predecessors, none of these previous excessive loans were obtained at a rate such as the present Administration is paying as the result of its own extravagance.

SIR WILLIAM M'MILLAN ON REFORM.

At the People's Reform League gathering on Saturday evening Sir William M'Millan offered some sound advice to all who are working for reform. It is advice which the speaker is on many grounds exceptionally well qualified to give. We have been deprived of his services as an active politician, but his record and his practical experience still stand to his credit as a counsellor of the public. The practical point which reform electors have now to keep fixed in their minds is the necessity for organisation and discipline. Without these two things the reform party will be divided, and the reform vote be more or less wasted at the coming general election. Sir William referred to the existence of different parties of reform. We have Mr. Carruthers' league, the people's league, and the women's league. The speaker was thinking of the two former when he told the People's Reform League on Saturday night that it would be absolute madness to go into a general election with friction between those two organisations. "It would be madness," he said, "to try and reconcile opposing candidates if they were put forward by the two organisations; they must be brought together at the beginning." This is so obvious, so much in accord with the persistent advice given to reformers of all shades of thinking for some time past, that the authority of Sir William M'Millan's experience should not be needed to drive it home. But the case is decidedly strengthened by the weight of his testimony, and the prolonged applause which greeted his remarks on this point showed that his audience was in cordial agreement with him.

The reasons which actuated Sir William in his address are such as should commend them to attention. They amount to an impeachment of the electors themselves. If half their number will not take the trouble to record their votes or exercise the franchise, he asked, what is the use of representative government? We may not be prepared to accept the answer which the speaker apparently had in mind, but we cannot quarrel with the inference. The end of representative government is to some extent secured if a majority of those who vote is fairly represented. Those who do not exercise their right have only to blame themselves if certain consequences accrue. They must remember, as the speaker on this occasion reminded them, that whether they take an interest in politics or not, politics will take an interest in them. That fact cannot be escaped, and the people of this State and of the Commonwealth, as was shown by several specific instances which Sir William M'Millan named, have received convincing illustrations of that since Federal legislation began. The instances quoted were traceable to class influence in politics, and no one will seriously contend that the influence of any class outweighs the common sense of the country. Yet we find this same common sense of the country at variance with and opposed to those acts of Commonwealth legislation or proposals for legislation which Sir William M'Millan named, and in this State we find the very existence of the Government condemned by the general feeling of the country. The anomaly will continue to exist until the majority of the electors can deliver an organised vote.

THE RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR.

The most interesting piece of news from the Far East, in the absence of information respecting further important active operations, is that which tells us that the war correspondents will move out from Tokio for the front on Wednesday. Up to now their position has been far from satisfactory. The Japanese authority has checked their desire to meet the world's demands for news of what may be one of the most important wars of history, and it has been the policy of Tokio to dictate its own war news. There may be good reasons for that, from a combatant's point of view. Military commanders, at any rate, have never had much love for war correspondents and the enterprise they display in making the world and the enemy acquainted with important tactical movements before they have had time to produce their intended effect. More than once it has happened, as the records of modern warfare show, that the information made public by these industrious gleaners of facts for the newspaper-reading public has proved of considerable service to the other side. Then, so far as the Japanese in this campaign are concerned, it is plain that one of their principal difficulties will be the raising of adequate funds to carry on the war, and their capacity to do this will largely rest on public confidence, domestic and foreign. In securing this much depends on the ability to tell one's story first, whether circumstances make it favourable or unfavourable, and not the least speaking sign of Japan's assimilation of Western ideas is the thoroughness with which it has learnt the lesson of the value of timely publicity and the part that journalism plays in the modern world.

If the Tokio tactics are continued in the field, and a rigid system of press censorship is enforced, the curiosity of newspaper readers in two hemispheres may be further disappointed. But it is already apparent that there is room for news of what is going on, from some independent and at the same time qualified source. Admiral Togo's account of the blocking of Port Arthur and the present condition of the channel differs in vital particulars from that received from Russian sources. The driving of the Russians northward from Yongchon, as reported this morning, may be read differently in the light of the reported movement of concentration on the Yalu. The number of Russians and cannon at Niuchwang may be as much open to doubt as Admiral Alexeff's statements of Russian strength in Manchuria just before the outbreak of war. The colossal movement of Russian troops by rail across Siberia, the number of locomotives employed, the threatened massing of half a million of armed men in Manchuria by the middle of the year, are all on a gigantic scale of rumour, and it will be interesting if the correspondents can give to an eagerly listening world some definite information on these points. But in the meantime we are able to gather that Admiral Togo is determined to effect the blocking of Port Arthur, and to sacrifice lives and ships in the task. The vigilant Makaroff is not disposed to allow himself to be taken by surprise like his predecessor, however, and in view of the movements of Russia's volunteer fleet by way of the Dardanelles it is of the first importance that Port Arthur be kept open unless the ships of war there are to be abandoned. It is certain that war correspondents at the front never had more interesting material to work upon than the situation as it is and as it promises.

Mr. Wise's Expenditure Excuse.—Mr. Wise not long ago, when defending the Government of which he is a member from the charge of extravagant expenditure, remarked in effect that this Government had not spent more loan money than that of the late Sir Henry Parkes, of which Sir William M'Millan was Treasurer. If Sir William had been an extravagant Treasurer that is no palliation for the Treasurer of the present Government, but Sir William M'Millan did not give this retort when speaking on Saturday night at the People's Reform League concert. He merely told the audience why there had been large expenditure at that particular time. There was a necessity for the rehabilitation of the railway rolling stock, which had got into a very bad condition, and the cost of that was necessarily great. Then there was the quadruplication of the railway lines as far as Granville, and that also cost money. But each expenditure had been justified by its results, and had raised the railways from a doubtful to a profitable asset. Sir William stopped there; he did not refer to the character of the works on which the present Government has spent its loan moneys. He contented himself with showing that his abnormal loan expenditure was for a legitimate purpose.

People Who Will Not Vote.—At a smoke concert on Saturday night given by the People's Reform League, Sir William M'Millan, who was the principal speaker, made a long and strong reference to the present degradation of our public life. He instanced the gradual decadence which had crept into State politics and its reproduction in the Federal Parliament. Instances in support of this were cited. The section in the Immigration Restriction Act which made it possible to exclude free British workmen coming hither, the section in the Postal Act which prohibits the giving of a mail contract to any shipping company which employs coloured persons on its vessels if they come to Australia, and the cutting down of the defence vote by the House of Representatives, were those on which he laid most stress, and he asked whether, if a referendum of the whole people were taken, the verdict would not be in favour of sweeping away the two sections of the Acts referred to and the raising of the defence vote to a sum commensurate with the importance of the service. There were unmistakable signs of assent to his questions, and he then treated on the branch of the subject which sought for a cause for this decadence. The cause he found in the fact that 50 per cent. of the electors did not trouble to register their votes on election day. If the Parliaments were out of touch with the aspirations of the people this was the reason why. The Labour party, as such, represented a minority of the people, but its organisation gave it a power which its numbers should not command, and the fault lay with those who did not vote.

The Easter Holidays.—Doubtless there were thousands of people in the country who appreciated the rain on Good Friday as being beneficial to the pastoralists and farmers, but Sydney people, with few exceptions, welcomed a change in the weather conditions on Saturday. In the morning it was found that the wind had got round to the south-west, the rain had ceased, and though the sky was somewhat leaden in appearance the day remained fine throughout. The citizens of Sydney and suburbs made the most of the opportunity, and in the afternoon the trams, trains, and excursion steamers were freely patronised. There was a large concourse of people at the Royal Agricultural Society's show, but those who attended were not sufficient, numerically, to make up for the leeway on the previous day. The Autumn Meeting of the A.J.C. also attracted a large contingent of sporting people to Randwick. Towards dusk the sky cleared completely, and a glorious night enabled thousands of promenaders to enjoy a stroll about the principal thoroughfares of the city. The theatres and other places of amusement were also thronged. The Acting Government Meteorologist, Mr. H. A. Hunt, last night issued the following forecast for to-day:—"Fine and warm generally; scattered clouds and occasional thunderstorms, chiefly in the afternoon; warm northerly winds, veering to southerlies."

Perjury Committed in the Law Courts.—The Parliamentary draftsman has received instructions from the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice to prepare a bill which shall deal with perjury committed in the law courts of the State.

From the Far East.—The steamship Eastern, of the fleet of the E. and A. Company, arrived at Sydney early yesterday morning from Kobe (Japan) and Hongkong, via the usual ports of call. Fine weather was experienced until the vessel left Townsville, when the heavy weather recently experienced on the coast was encountered, and lasted until Brisbane was reached. The Eastern brought a large number of passengers included among whom was Captain W. A. Carter, R.N., formerly captain of H.M.S. Glory on the China station, and at one time commander of H.M.S. Orlando when flagship on the Australian station. A team of Japanese wrestlers for Messrs. Fitzgerald Brothers' circus also arrived by the Eastern. On arrival the vessel berthed at the company's wharf on the western side of the Circular Quay.

The San Francisco Mail Steamer.—The R.M.S. Sierra, of the Oceanic S.S. Company's A. and A. line, is timed to leave the company's berth on the eastern side of the Circular Quay at 1 p.m. to-day for San Francisco, via Auckland, Samoa, Fanning Island, and Honolulu. She has a large number of passengers, including many well-known local residents, bound for European destinations, or are on "round the world" tours. The World's Fair at St. Louis is the magnet that has attracted many of the tourists. Inquiries made at the offices of the managing agents elicited the information that a great demand is being made for accommodation on the succeeding steamers of the line, and that it is anticipated that the resources will be taxed to the utmost to meet the wishes of passengers during the currency of the exhibition. The Sierra will clear Auckland on Friday next with a full complement of passengers in all classes. The cargo by the mail steamer consists of timber, tin, onions, copper, and other colonial products.

The Canadian Mail Service.—A cable message to the Union S.S. Company advises the sailing of the R.M.S. Moana from Vancouver on Friday last. She has a good general cargo and a large number of passengers. The Moana on arrival in Sydney will go into dock for her yearly overhaul, and the new twin-screw steamer Manuka will take up her run from Sydney on May 16. The Manuka is in every respect an up-to-date ship.

The Railway Commissioners notify that improved services will be in force on all tramway lines to-day. A frequent service of trams will be run in the Show Ground from Circular Quay and the railway subway, commencing at 8.15 a.m.; and in connection with the Randwick races a special service of trams will be run to the racecourse from Circular Quay and the railway subway, commencing at 10.30 a.m. The first-class tram will leave Bridge-street at 11.30 a.m.

It is announced that the second monthly exhibition of choice books belonging to the Public Library will be held in the board room on Wednesday, between the hours of 4.30 and 6 in the afternoon, and 7.30 and 9 in the evening. The exhibits to be illustrated is "Architecture, with the Allied Arts." A bibliography has been compiled showing all the books possessed by the library on architecture and other subjects intimately connected therewith.

Particulars of cheap excursions by rail and steamer to the Hawkesbury River and Parkesvale (George's River) are announced in this issue.

Under the auspices of the Child Study Society, Dr. Clubbe will deliver a lecture in the Royal Society's rooms to-morrow night on "The Feeding of Children and its Significance."

It is announced that the art union of the Benevolent Societies' fifth annual fete will be publicly drawn at the Queen's Hall on Saturday evening next.

AN APPALLING CALAMITY.

FIVE CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH.

ABORTIVE ATTEMPT AT RESCUE.

GRAFTON, Sunday.

A terrible calamity occurred here at 2 o'clock this morning, when five children were burned to death. It appears that Mrs. Long, who kept a general store in Prince-street, closed her shop as usual last night, retiring to bed about 1 a.m. to-day. She slept with her seven children in an upper-floor room at the rear of the store, her invalid husband occupying a room downstairs. About 2 o'clock this morning she was awakened by smoke entering her room, and immediately arose and took the children, directing them to follow her downstairs, while she carried the youngest child. She obtained assistance to carry her husband out of danger. The children, who were left behind in the upstairs room, appear to have become bewildered after their mother left them, and the last she heard them say was that they were searching for their clothes. After her husband was rescued Mrs. Long endeavoured to go up the staircase to bring down the children, but was prevented by the flames and smoke. One child fell downstairs shortly after the mother left, and was saved. Meantime Constable Corby and civilians arrived on the scene, and the former vainly endeavoured to rescue the children from the burning building. The fire, however, which had started in the front of the store, was then raging fiercely. Eventually a ladder was obtained, and the window of the room where the unfortunate children were was broken open, when a dense volume of black smoke burst forth, showing that the victims must by that time have been suffocated. Shortly after flames broke through the window, setting the fate of the children. The screams of the frantic mother were pitiful in the extreme. In a short time the building, which was of wood, was reduced to ashes, as were also the contents. Not a particle was saved. Mrs. Long and the others escaping in their nightdresses. The fire brigade was on the scene, but was powerless to effect any benefit. To-day a few charred bones were taken from the ruins, being all that remained of the five children, whose names were Ada, Florrie, Ruby, Nellie, and James, their ages ranging from 9 to 17 years. The family was an exemplary one, belonging to the Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. A. Fraser made sympathetic reference to the sad event at to-day's service. The event has cast a great gloom over the city. The whole of Mrs. Long's stock was uninsured. The store was the property of the H. Earnes estate. It is not known whether it was insured. The origin of the fire is unaccountable.

TO-DAY.

Royal Agricultural Show: Moore Park.

Australian Jockey Club: Autumn Meeting, Randwick, 12.30 p.m.

Welcome to Rev. Copland King: Chapter House, 8 p.m.

Cricket: Sydney Y.M.C.A. v Brisbane Y.M.C.A., Cricket Ground, 9.30 a.m.

Excursion to Hawkesbury: Train, 9.10 a.m.

Excursion to Hawkesbury: Steamer, Market-street, 10 a.m.

Excursion to Newport: Steamer Cobar, Fort Macquarie, 10 a.m.

Free Presbyterian Synod: St. George's Church, 10.30 a.m.

Bowlers' Garden Party: Kentville, Annandale.

Her Majesty's Theatre: "The Admirable Crichton," 8 p.m.

Theatre Royal: "The Great Millionaire," 8 p.m.

Palace Theatre: "A Stranger in a Strange Land," 2.30 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Lyceum Theatre: "The Ladder of Life," 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Tivoli Theatre: Vaudeville, 2.30 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Criterion Theatre: "Two Mr. Wetherbys," 8 p.m.

Mel. B. Spurr: Town Hall, 8 p.m.

Fitzgerald Bros.' Circus: Belmore Park, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

St. James' Hall: The Pierrot Entertainers, 8 p.m.

Zoological Gardens, Moore Park, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Shooting the Chute, Manly: 11 a.m. till 10 p.m.

Cyclorama, George-street West: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

PERSONAL.

VICE-REGAL.

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Rawson entertained the following guests at dinner at State Government House on Saturday night:—His Excellency Sir Henry Jackson (Governor of Fiji) and Lady Jackson, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. and Miss Venables-Kyrke, Mr. H. C. Michell, Miss Rawson, Mr. Shaw, R.N., Mr. Wyatt Rawson, and Captain Robertson Clark, A.D.C.

The Premier, Sir John See, has been staying at his mountain home at Wentworth Falls since Friday. He will return to Sydney this morning, and leaves later in the day by the R.M.S. Sierra for the purpose of spending a month or six weeks in New Zealand. He will be accompanied by Miss Ruby See and one of his sons, as well as by his private secretary, Mr. E. B. Earkness.

At a social function at Penrith on Saturday evening Mr. T. R. Smith, who represents the Nepean in the Legislative Assembly, said that he was, next to Mr. Henry Clarke, the oldest member of the House, for he had been elected to the Assembly early in the seventies, long before the famous Land Act of 1884 was passed, and when the political conditions bore a striking contrast to those existing to-day. However, Mr. Smith says that if the veteran member for Bega should retire from active politics he (Mr. Smith) will be then the father of the Assembly, and certainly one of the oldest politicians in the State.

Mr. Sandford, of Lithgow, owing to illness, has postponed his trip to England for a few weeks.

Herr Von Burl, German Consul-General in New South Wales, who has completed his first three years' term of office, will leave Sydney to-day by the San Francisco mail steamer Sierra. The Consul-General will be absent for about nine months, during which period the duties of the office will be performed by Herr Muenzenthaler, German Vice-Consul.

Among the passengers by the R.M.S. Sierra, which will leave Sydney to-day for San Francisco, via ports, are Mr. R. Southouse, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Reuzie, Mr. E. Owen Cox, Miss V. King, Mr. T. W. Warren, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Beach, Mr. P. Britz, and Mr. William Franzen.

Mr. Richard M'Coy, a well-known citizen of Sydney and a resident of Marrickville, died at his residence, Ricarda

RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR.

THE JAPANESE ADVANCE

MARCHING ON WIJU.

RUSSIANS DRIVEN TO ENTRENCHMENTS.

BLOCKING OF PORT ARTHUR.

THE RUSSIAN STRENGTH.

HALF A MILLION IN MAY.

LONDON, April 2.

The Japanese forces which were at Chong-ju, in North-western Korea, have advanced to Yong-chon, 12 miles south of Wiju, on the Yalu. In their advance the Japanese had a skirmish with the Russians, whom they drove northwards.

April 3.

Two thousand Cossacks and infantry are entrenched at the south gate of Wiju.

BLOCKING PORT ARTHUR.

CHANNEL IMPASSABLE FOR LARGE SHIPS.

LONDON, April 2.

Vice-Admiral Togo, with his fleet, has revisited Port Arthur. He reports that he found as the result of the operations on the 27th ultimo the neck of the narrowest part of the channel to be impracticable for the larger Russian ships.

THE DEFENCE OF NIU-CHWANG.

LONDON, April 2.

There are 10,000 Russian troops, with 60 cannon, at Niu-chwang.

The river is being protected with submerged mines, and the port will shortly be closed.

RUSSIAN REINFORCEMENTS.

A COMMAND OF HALF A MILLION.

LONDON, April 2.

The "Temps" of Paris announces that General Kuropatkin, the Commander-in-Chief of the Russian forces, will have 500,000 soldiers under his command at the end of May.

Prince Khilkoff, the Minister for Roads and Railways, reports that he saw 420 locomotives and 2400 waggons cross Lake Baikal.

WAR CORRESPONDENTS FOR THE FRONT.

LONDON, April 2.

War correspondents will be permitted to leave Japan for the front on the 6th instant (Wednesday).

GERMAN LINER SOLD TO RUSSIA.

LONDON, April 3.

The German steamer Fuerst Bismarck, 8430 tons, of the Hamburg American line, has been indirectly sold to Russia for £200,000.

[The Fuerst Bismarck is a steel twin-screw steamship, of 8430 tons gross, and 3236 tons net. She is by no means a new vessel, for she was built as far back as 1890, at Stettin, Germany, for the Hamburg-American line. She is 549ft 4in in length, with a beam of 57ft 6in, her depth being 34ft 4in. The Fuerst Bismarck is supplied with two sets of engines, of the triple-expansion type.]

THE RUSSIAN GUNBOAT MANDJUR.

CEASES TO RECEIVE SPECIAL ATTENTION.

LONDON, April 1.

The Chinese and Japanese authorities are satisfied that the disarmament of the Russian gunboat Mandjur, which is at Shanghai, has been completed.

The Japanese cruiser which was at Woo-sung watching for the appearance of the Russian gunboat has accordingly been withdrawn.

RUSSIAN CRUISERS IN EUROPEAN WATERS.

LONDON, April 2.

The Russian protected cruiser Aurora is at Ferrol, in Spain, and is about to proceed to Cherbourg, the French naval arsenal in the Channel.

The armoured cruiser Dmitri Donskoi has coaled at Cartagena, a Mediterranean seaport of Spain.

A JAPANESE TRAITOR.

STEAMER SUNK WITH A TORPEDO.

LONDON, April 2.

The Wei-hai-wei correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" reports that a Japanese torpedo boat torpedoed the Japanese steamer Sanei Maru, which was towing a junk with provisions from Chifu to Port Arthur. The steamer sank, and 25 aboard of her perished.

COMMENTS ON THE SITUATION.

The message relating to the progress of the left wing of the Japanese force in Korea places the belligerents only 12 miles apart. Sharp fighting is probably already taking place. The Japanese march has been a smart one, when consideration is given to the heavy roads. The crisis at the Yalu is extremely close. The Japanese are great for detail, and consequently the maturing of plans occupies much valuable time, as they showed in the war with China, but once they have decided upon a movement they carry it through with passion and vigour. Their plan was to strike at the Russians before the enemy had time to get his heavy reinforcements from the north. Twelve miles apart suggests a bitter fight at Wiju, ending in the retirement of the defenders.

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Yong-chun is associated with an act of aggression by Russia last year. In May last the prefect at Wiju reported the concentration of Russian troops on the Manchurian side of the Yalu, and in due course they invaded Korea, and from Wiju went to Yong-chun and founded a lumber settlement. In June last the magistrate at Yong-chun reported that other Russians had crossed the river. In September the inhabitants of the town consisted of 1300 Chinese, distributed in 128 huts, and 70 Russians, with 20 tents for their accommodation. As the winter came on they put up more substantial residences. From this it will be seen that the Japanese are already well within the illegal Russian zone on the Korean side of the river. There is another Yong-chun on the Han River, south-east of Seoul. This repetition of names—a common occurrence—often causes confusion in a study of Korea.

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The Cossacks—whose name alone suggests fierce lightning attacks—are entrenching the southern end of Wiju. This is the direction of approach for the Japanese from Yong-chun. Wiju is practically at the mouth of the Yalu. In August last it was declared a free port. It is intended to be the terminus of the railroad from Seoul, or rather from Fusan, via the capital. The Japanese now have the line in hand, and when completed—by the Japanese or by others—it will be the main trunk line of Korea.

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So much has been written of the difficulties of the Siberian railway, especially the stretch at Lake Baikal, that it is needless to enter further into that subject. It is, however, obvious that "Le Tempe" has accepted an optimistic calculation when it states that General Kuropatkin will have half a million of men under his command by the end of May. Many waggons and locomotives have passed over the ice railway at the Lake—the Holy Lake, as the peasants call it. It was a daring and superb feat to send the railroad over the ice, and the Russian engineers rose splendidly to the crisis occasioned by the previous changing from cars and trucks to sledges.

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Now that the agents of Russia have with unhappy results felt the financial pulse of Europe, the Government is already raising money by what may be termed adventitious methods. It is only a short step to the issuing of paper money, and it really appears that the Colossus of the North is to be the first of the belligerents to be temporarily inconvenienced. The inexhaustible resources of Russia will, however, stand to her, but she will have heavy penalties to pay in the meantime. The country is prepared for sacrifice. Like a flash, we are told, the whole empire seems to have been lashed into fury by initial defeat, and is thoroughly prepared to carry on the fight to the bitter end. The dreamy Russian character has been stirred to its depths, and a degree of resentment has been aroused which it would almost be difficult to realise abroad. Telegrams from almost every town in European Russia tell the same story. At Moscow lately there were manifestations in front of the palace, the residence of the Grand Duke Serge, also before the Iberian chapel where stands the sacred image of Our Lady of Iberia, before which the Czar always invokes a blessing when he enters Moscow. Thousands knelt for hours in the snow praying for victory. With all the internal troubles of the empire, the typical Russian is a stern patriot.

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The Russells and the Forbeses of the present day, who have been shadowed by detectives and threatened with court-martials and divers other penalties, are at last to be allowed to leave Tokio for Korea. We have already heard of some correspondents being in Seoul, where they have been under similar restrictions. They have either been sent back to Tokio, or they are to be joined by their confreres now leaving Japan. When they are mustered into one company the Japanese will give them the privileges of their profession—with limitations! It is by no means a new trouble, this war between the pen and the sword. Probably the hottest article ever penned by Archibald Forbes was in 1880, in commenting on a code of rules issued for English war correspondents. "It has been reserved," he said, "for English functionaries to 'provisionally authorise' regulations, which chastise correspondents with scorpions, whereas the Russians but tickle them with whips." The article was studded with such expressions as "gratuitous insult," and Forbes summed up the grievance by saying that the rules would make the position of a war correspondent "untenable by a gentleman." So the troubles of Bennet Burleigh and the host of other press-writers in the East are hardly a new phase of the association of war and journalism. The difference is that Forbes was writing of restrictions placed upon men once they were at the front. To-day the trouble is that the war correspondent is not allowed to get there.

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There is no doubt that the Boers profited by the cabled messages to England. The war correspondents in South Africa had to observe certain rules, but the code which Forbes had long before denounced had been shelved. In the Russo-Turkish war the Russians recognised all accredited correspondents. The latter were warned that indiscreet revelations would lead to expulsion, but otherwise they were free to go where they listed. When in July, 1877, the Russians suffered a reverse at Plevna, Forbes slashed at the incompetent generalship, but gave credit to the heroism of the rank and file. The Russian authorities magnaminously agreed that the criticism was justified, and authorised republication in the newspapers of their own country. William Howard Russell did great service in the Crimea not only for the "Times," but also for his country. In these days of the cable and of many wealthy newspapers, individualism in the profession of the war correspondent is not what it was. To one war correspondent in the old days there are now 20 or 30. Although Britain has been pretty constantly busy from the time of Wellington, there was no time between the Crimean and the Boer wars when the enemy stood to learn much from journalistic sources. Afghanistan operations brought forth the code that exasperated Forbes. With the cable so handy nowadays, it will be admitted that the Japanese are justified in taking precautions, so long as they keep within the bounds of reason and courtesy.

THE LOSS OF THE VARYAG.

RUSSIAN HEROISM.

We are indebted to Captain Winthrop Ellis, of the steamer Eastern, for a press item giving further details of thedestruction by the Japanese of the cruiser Varyag at Chemulpho. The Russian captain, on receiving the Japanese intimation to fight—in other words, to take his men to certain slaughter—was unwilling to expose them to such terrible odds, and, realising that his chance was hopeless, endeavoured to obtain the signatures of all his officers to terms of capitulation. This document the commander refused to sign, and it was accordingly decided to show fight. The havoc created among the unprotected guns on the upper deck was terrible, the crew of one of the after pieces of artillery being all killed by a single shell, with the exception of an officer, a midshipman, who continued loading and firing the gun single-handed. The assistant navigator, who was employed in the top, taking the range, was blown to atoms by a shell; nothing but his hands could be distinguished. Some of the flames from bursting shells appeared to onlookers to reach as high as the masthead, and the crews were wreathed in smoke, the poisonous fumes of which killed several outright. The havoc wrought by flying splinters was even worse than the actual shells themselves, and it was by one of these that the midshipman working the after-gun single-handed was put out of action, a splinter hitting him on the face. Beyond the loss of sight in one eye, he will probably recover. One poor wretch was hit by a splinter, which caused a 3-inch gash across his chest that will be difficult to heal. Another was found with his foot jammed in some wreckage just before the ship sank. Failing to free it, the men cut the foot off with a sword, and the man died of shock shortly afterwards. Below the upper deck comparatively little damage was done either to the guns' crews or the ship herself, with the exception of a shell bursting in one of the Belleville boilers. The wounded were unattended until the arrival of the neutral boats with medical assistance, the surgeon of the Varyag having gone out of his mind at the commencement of the action.

THE MOKAU ESTATE.

LITIGATION STILL PROCEEDING.

LONDON, April 3.

The High Court of Judicature has granted Mr. "Mokau" Jones an injunction restraining Mr. Flower from slandering his title to the Mokau Estate, New Zealand, until further inquiry by the Court in the action now pending.

SMALLPOX IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, April 2.

Outbreaks of smallpox are reported to have occurred at Leicester and Hebden Bridge (Yorkshire).

Of the 45 cases at Hebden Bridge, 35 patients had not been vaccinated.

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SPECIAL CABLES.

FROM THE "HERALD'S" LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.

A PHILADELPHIA HORROR.

LIVE BABIES THROWN INTO A FIERY FURNACE.

THEIR CRIES HEARD BY STRANGERS.

THREE PERSONS COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

LONDON, April 1.

Mr. Dugan, the coroner at Philadelphia before whom Mrs. Ashmead and her son were brought on a charge of being accessories to the death of two young women in their domicile under suspicious circumstances, has ordered the accused already named and also a doctor named Vicar to be sent before the Grand Jury.

Witnesses stated at the inquest on the bodies of the young women that live babies were thrown into a fiery furnace, and that they heard the cries of the infants.

SECURITY OF THE INDIAN FRONTIER.

GERMAN ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

LONDON, April 1.

German newspapers, on the eve of the fight at Guru, Thibet, were unanimous in stating that in the speech recently made by Lord Curzon, the Viceroy of India, there was a direct intimation to Russia of the intentions of Great Britain regarding the security of the frontiers of India.

The Viceroy, in his speech at the last meeting of the Council of India, said:—"Beyond the mountain walls of the frontier is a glacis of varying dimensions. Great Britain does not want to occupy that glacis, but she cannot afford to see it occupied by foes. We are content for it to remain in the hands of our allies, and our friends, but if unfriendly influences creep or dodge under the walls we shall be compelled to intervene, owing to the menace to our security. That is the secret of our whole position as regards Arabia, Persia, Afghanistan, Thibet, and Siam."

STRIKES IN FRANCE AND AMERICA.

LONDON, April 1.

In Iowa, United States, 13,500 miners have struck work for higher wages for unskilled labour and a decrease in the price of blasting powder.

At Roubaix, France, 15,000 weavers have struck work, owing to the masters declining to bear the cost of the half-hour's reduction of the working hours to 10 per day.

FRENCH COURTS OF JUSTICE.

REMOVAL OF RELIGIOUS SYMBOLS.

LONDON, April 2.

In pursuance of a vote of the French Chamber of Deputies, M. Combes, the Premier, has ordered that all crucifixes and religious pictures behind judges in tribunals should be removed and transferred to art galleries.

THE POPE AND PERPETUAL VOWS.

LONDON, April 1.

The Pope has appointed a committee of Cardinals to co-ordinate and modernise the principles of the canon law.

His Holiness is disposed to abolish perpetual vows in the cases of monks and nuns.

ATTEMPT TO MURDER A BISHOP.

LONDON, April 1.

Monsignor Gerassimos, the Bishop of the Bulgarian Orthodox Church at Strumitza, Turkey, wished to build a church on a vacant site in the centre of the Patriarchate quarter of the town.

A Greek fanatic in consequence fired two shots at him, but they did not wound him. The would-be assassin was arrested.

ACCIDENT ON A RACECOURSE.

A JOCKEY AND FOUR SPECTATORS INJURED.

LONDON, April 1.

F. Hardy, who has frequently ridden Sceptre in her engagements, had the mount on Traitress in the Kalmarsh Plate, at Northampton. At the bend into the straight the mare slipped, and, coming into collision with a post, she turned a somersault over the rails. The mare fell amongst the spectators, four of whom were seriously injured.

Hardy, the jockey, was picked up in an unconscious condition. It was found on examination that one of his thighs had been fractured.

VICTORIA.

DRUIDS' GALA

MELBOURNE, Sunday.

The annual Druids' gala, organised this year with the special object of raising funds to free Melbourne Hospital from debt, was opened in the Exhibition Building on Saturday afternoon under most favourable conditions. The main hall was artistically decorated in Japanese style, and the general effect was enhanced by the costumes of the stall-keepers and assistants. The Governor-General declared the gala open, and in doing so warmly commended to public sympathy the endeavour to help so deserving and useful an institution as the Melbourne Hospital.

The bazaar receipts for Saturday amounted to £3000.

TASMANIA.

MEETING OF PARLIAMENT.

HOBART, Sunday.

The House of Assembly meets on the 6th inst. (Wednesday).

POLITICAL LABOUR CONFERENCE.

LAUNCESTON, Sunday.

The Political Workers' League has been sitting in conference the last few days. Senator Keating presided. The report read shows a membership of 2000. The following new plank was adopted:—Local option; a direct vote of electors to be taken on the increase, decrease, or retention of liquor licenses. It was resolved that a plank embodying the Gothenburg system be inserted in the State and Federal platforms. It was decided to recommend to the various organisations in Tasmania the establishment of a general workers' union, to comprise all classes of workers, in accordance with a draft scheme, to be prepared by a committee. A resolution expressing appreciation of the Federal protest against the introduction of Chinese in the Transvaal was agreed to.

LATE SHIPPING.

THE R.M.S. OPHIR.

CAPE BORDA, Monday Morning.

The R.M.S. Ophir, from London, via ports, passed inward at 12.45 this morning.

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BRITISH IN THIBET.

THE FIGHTING AT GURU.

A SUDDEN ONSLAUGHT.

THIBETANS' DESPERATE BRAVERY.

PILES OF DEAD.

LONDON, April 1.

Detailed reports of the encounter between the British and the Thibetans at Guru concur in showing that Colonel Younghusband and Brigadier-General Macdonald, the Commandant of the British escort, exercised the greatest possible forbearance and patience with the Thibetans authorities.

LONDON, April 2.

Further details which have been received of the fighting at Thibet show that the British troops quietly herded the Thibetans like sheep in a position which was partly a ridge overhanging the road and partly a wall. The majority of the Thibetans were sullen.

The Lhassan General incited the Thibetans to throw stones, and he then fired a pistol, smashing a Sikh's jaw.

At the report of the pistol, which was doubtless a preconcerted signal, all the Thibetans drew their swords, and, after firing, rushed forward. Thereupon the officers of the British escort drew their revolvers and fired on the aggressors, while the Sikhs opened a heavy fire with their rifles.

Half of the Thibetans then retreated and came under the fire of the guns, the maxims, and the rifles. Some of the Thibetans who were desperate advanced to the wall and fell with eight or nine bullet wounds.

There were piles of dead near the wall. The artillery expelled the majority from Guru, while a rush with bayonets by the infantry dislodged 60 obstinate men.

ADVANCED POST AT GURU.

LONDON, April 2.

The 32nd Pioneers (Punjab) and the 2nd Mounted Infantry Regiment have been established at Guru as an advance post.

RELEASE OF PRISONERS.

GOOD EFFECT EXPECTED.

LONDON, April 2.

Some of the Thibetans who were taken prisoners have been detained to nurse 180 of their fellow countrymen who are badly wounded. The remainder of the prisoners have been sent to their homes, where their report is expected to exercise great influence.

THIBETAN TREACHERY.

THWARTED BY UNEXPECTED PRECAUTIONS.

LONDON, April 2.

The correspondent of the "Times" at Tuna reports that the Thibetans who were kept back to nurse their wounded declare that the plan of their officers was to allow the escort to pass and then to attack the mission in passing through the wall.

Brigadier-General Macdonald frustrated this plan by insisting on the disarmament of the Thibetans, although he did not then suspect their treacherous intention. Brigadier-General Macdonald shot with his revolver three of the assailants of Major Dunlop, whose hands were wounded.

WOUNDING OF A CORRESPONDENT.

LONDON, April 2.

The correspondent of the "Times" in his account of the fighting at Guru states that Mr. Candler, the war correspondent of the "Daily Mail," was sitting writing at the moment of the onslaught. He was wounded in 12 places.

ARTILLERY AND THE BAYONET.

LONDON, April 1.

The casualties among the Thibetans numbered 750.

Artillery was used to cover the advance of the British towards Guru, which was taken by the Mounted Ghurkas rushing upon it with bayonets fixed.

PRESS CRITICISM.

LONDON, April 2.

The "Daily News" denounces the British forward policy in Thibet as being calculated to lead to the establishment of a permanent mission and large garrison at Lhassa.

The "Daily Chronicle" views the outlook with deep misgiving.

Other newspapers show that it is the sole object of Great Britain to establish tolerable relations with Thibet, and that if there is any foreign preponderance in Thibet it can only be Great Britain's.

A FRENCH APPRECIATION.

LONDON, April 2.

The "Debats" of Paris appreciates the reasonableness of the British claim as regards Thibet.

RUSSIAN AID.

LONDON, April 1.

The "Times" states that if the history of the rifles bearing the Russian Imperial stamp, with which some Thibetans were armed, could be traced it would probably afford the true explanation of the prolonged obstinacy of the Thibetans.

THE COMMONWEALTH.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

REVENUE RETURNS.

MELBOURNE, Sunday.

Customs and excise revenue for March totalled £798,924. As compared with the return for the corresponding month of last year it shows a decrease of £10,533. The collections in each State are as follow:—

State.	1904.	1903.
New South Wales.....	£299,957 ..	£313,589
Victoria	236,038 ..	227,838
Queensland	75,732 ..	80,627
South Australia	64,545 ..	55,104
Western Australia	100,730 ..	109,613
Tasmania	21,926 ..	22,716
Total	£798,924 ..	£809,457

DEFENCE RETRENCHMENT.

It was reported in Melbourne to-night that Colonel Irving, who is attached to the headquarters staff, is to be asked to resign on June 30. Should the announcement be correct, it may be taken as a concurrence on the part of the Government with the Labour party's view that the staff should be considerably reduced.

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ANTARCTIC EXPLORATION.

THE NATIONAL EXPEDITION.

CONGRATULATIONS FROM LONDON.

LONDON, April 2.

The newspapers, in reporting the return of Captain Scott, R.N., with the Discovery from the Antarctic regions, warmly congratulate the National Antarctic Expedition and the nation upon the valuable addition to our knowledge of the Antarctic regions obtained by the expedition.

TERRA NOVA'S EXPERIENCES.

RELIEF OF THE DISCOVERY.

RELUCTANT TO LEAVE ANTARCTICA.

PREPARATIONS FOR ANOTHER WINTER.

CUTTING OUT THE STEAMER.

A GRAPHIC ACCOUNT.

EXPEDITION'S SCIENTIFIC RESULTS.

CHRISTCHURCH (N.Z.), Sunday.

The following is a description of the Terra Nova's experiences in Antarctica:—

In company with the Morning we left Hobart on December 5, 1903. Heavy snow on the 26th heralded our entry into the ice pack. We had to clear a passage for the Morning, going ahead and forcing the way through. It is a mystery how the Morning ever managed to get to Antarctica and back. The first land we sighted was on New Year's Day, Mount Melbourne. About this time the compasses commenced to be very much out, owing to deviation. Our course was east by north, which meant due south.

SIGHTING THE DISCOVERY.

At noon of January 5 the Discovery was sighted by the captain, in the crow's nest, and we made fast to the ice at 5 p.m., our actual distance from the Discovery being 17 geographical miles. Captain Scott's orders from the Admiralty were to abandon the ship and bring the crew home. If the ship was afloat he was to continue magnetic work, but not to run any risk on any account of detention in the ice. Captain Scott visited the Terra Nova, and recognised in Capain M'Kay an old friend.

PREPARED FOR ANOTHER WINTER.

Captain Scott appeared broken-hearted over the drastic orders from the Admiralty, especially as he had made arrangements to spend another winter in the ice. The crew had voluntarily agreed to remain another year in Antarctica, and in the event of no relief arriving did not intend to attempt to get out. He had no anxiety about the food supply, being victualled for five years. He had traced the source of scurvy to certain tinned food, and by the use of seal and skua gull meat counteracted its effects.

The criticism of the London press regarding the expense of the expedition also affected him considerably. As an instance of his conscientiousness, he would not take any Government stores from the Terra Nova. "What we haven't got we will do without," he remarked.

BUTTING THE ICE.

On January 9 we started "butting" the ice, with the object of breaking it up—an exciting business. In order to start "butting" you must have a clear way astern, so that the ship can go astern 300 or 400 yards, to enable her to get good way on. When she has got back this distance, "full speed ahead" is given, which means with the Terra Nova 8 knots per hour. Sometimes the effect would be that for a half a ship's length the ice barrier would be broken, at other times, perhaps, not three yards of progress would be made, owing to the ice being too solid, with no give or sprina in it. The effect on those on the ship varied, according to the solidity of the ice. Sometimes you were toppled off your feet; at other times you would hardly feel the concussion at all. After some butting had been done, it was found ineffectual, owing to the thickness of the ice.

SAWING THROUGH THE PACK.

On the 10th and 11th the wind changed and drove the pack ice and very large bergs on top of us, but, as we always had steam up, we were ready to clear at a moment's notice. Every day the ice barrier was gradually broken away, and we daily shifted closer to the Discovery. On the 15th we started the experiment of sawing through the ice, and got through 6 feet in two hours. We gave it up as a bad job. The saws are about 15 feet long, weighing about 2 cwt. each, rigged up on a tripod, and worked by a block and tackle, two men holding and guiding the saw, and six men pulling on the tackle. It was a rotten job. If it had been possible to have had a man guiding the saw at the bottom good progress could possibly have been made. As it was, the only effective work done was on the downward passage of the saws. On the 13th we tried "butting" the ice again. This time we "rolled" the ship in addition. All hands, at the word of command "Over," ran from one side to the other. This produced a roll on the ship which, added to the force with which she struck the barrier, had the effect of breaking it up, and, by this method, good progress was made. Heavy snow fell all the next day and night, and, owing to the continuous breaking up of the ice, the moorings had to be continually altered.

BLASTING THE ICE.

On the 16th we commenced blasting with gun cotton. A hole is drilled in the ice, and a charge of 16lb placed in it, sometimes three charges. In most cases the effect was not very noticeable; in other cases the ice would break up, but only in the vicinity of the charge. It was a useless waste of time and gun-cotton.

PROPOSAL TO ABANDON THE DISCOVERY.

The next day a start was made sledging stores to the Discovery, and bringing back from her the nautical and scientific instruments, and scientific collection, in view of the probable abandonment of the vessel. The Morning and the Terra Nova parties went as far as the half-way camp, which took a day to reach, and were met by the Discovery sledging party, who took their sledges on whilst they took on the Discovery's sledges. Work was continued during the following days. On the 19th the temperature was 19, and the wind blowing hard became a regular blizzard from southward, resulting in a large amount of ice breaking away, and bringing the relief ships nearer the Discovery. The 21st was spent mostly butting at the ice, but it proved ineffectual. By the 25th the original mass of ice between the ships had been reduced by one-half. On the 27th the ice continued to break away in large chunks, and on the 29th breaking away in large floes. The 30th was the coldest ray experienced by the crews of the relief ships, the thermometer registering 3 degrees below zero. Some more butting was done. On February 1st, owing to heavy drift ice coming in on us, we had to shift our moorings several times to keep clear of icebergs. On the 3rd Captain Scott came down, and superintended blasting operations, but the results showed no alteration.

HOW THE DISCOVERY WAS FREED.

From this on to the 12th the ice consisted to break away very fast, culminating on the 14th in a very heavy breakaway. At 5 p.m. on the 14th we commenced butting the ice barrier with such good results that at 11.45 p.m. we had got through to the Discovery. the Morning following close behind us as we opened the way. The crew of the Discovery, including Captain Scott, were on the hill overlooking the ship watching operations. They saw all hands on board the Terra Nova, rolling the ship as she butted the barrier, with four men stationed at the wheel. As for the Morning, she could not successfully butt a matchbox. She tried once, but the attempt was so ludicrous that the crew laughed extravagantly over it. At the last quarter of a mile the captain of the Terra Nova remarked to one of the crew who was showing signs of the hard work involved by "rolling" the ship, "What's the matter?"

"Hard work, captain," was the reply from the perspiring sailor.

"Well, I'm going through this time," said the captain.

"You can't do it," said the man. "Captain Jackman might."

The latter reference was to the rival Dundee whaler, and it roused all the determination of the Scot in Captain M'Kay. "Who's Jackman?" said he. "If he could get through there, I'll get through."

And he did it. He went through that last quarter of a mile as if it was so much melted butter.

EXCITEMENT ON THE VESSELS.

Then exciting scenes took place. The crew of the Discovery rushed down the hill like a mob of savages rushing to welcome the first white men to their shores. They came yelling and shouting, and boarded the Terra Nova, and shook hands with all and sundry. Tears were in the eyes of most of them, for though they had volunteered to stay another year they were glad that their ship had been freed. The Morning had in the meantime worked in very close, but we just managed to make fast to the Discovery's forecastle before her. Of the hundred people there that Sunday night not one of them will forget it as long as memory lasts. The Union Jack was hoisted on Hut Point the moment we got through. Captain Scott entertained the officers of the relief ships at dinner, but the function was cut short, as the weather necessitated the ships clearing out.

NARROW ESCAPE OF THE DISCOVERY.

A blizzard sprung up, and it was a narrow escape for us all. Early on the morning of the 15th, as the ships were being driven to leeward, the anchors were hauled up and a start was made. The Discovery's feed pumps got choked, however, and her engines became useless, and she went on the rocks under Hut Point and hung amidships and aft. The force of the wind was so great that she shipped seas at the bow, which swept her decks. There were twelve of the Terra Nova's crew on board, and, with their assistance, sails were bent. Meantime, pieces of the Discovery's keel, some three feet in length, broken off by bumping on the rocks, came to the surface, and some began to think they would not see the ship afloat again. For eight hours her fate hung in the balance. Ultimately she got clear, and leaked no more than ordinarily after her experience.

On the 18th the three ships sailed for Black Island, and there the Discovery coaled from the Terra Nova. The rest of the voyage to New Zealand has already been described.

THE SCIENTIFIC RESULTS.

It is too early yet to sum up the scientific results of the Antarctic expedition. Long before the material can have been fully investigated, and the official accounts published, something may be gathered of some of the more prominent discoveries to be expected by detailed examination of the specimens collected. Too much must not be expected. No other portion of the earth is so barren as the South Polar regions; no other so destitute of all forms of life. In the region visited by the Discovery no flowering plants have yet been seen, and, consequently, insects are almost unknown. One primitive form of insect life was found by Mr. Borchgrevink's expedition, and Dr. Hodgson, of the Discovery, has brought back with him a number of specimens of a ten-legged spider. Dr. Hodgson also collected a large number of marine invertebrate species. Dr. Wilson has given his attention to the higher forms of animal life, and will have much to write about the strange habits of seals and penguins. It is scarcely likely that the collection will include any new species of bird, as those dwelling in the southern regions are fairly well known and widely distributed. Little, however, hitherto has been learned about the breeding habits of the Emperor penguin, and the scientists of the Discovery have had considerable opportunity for observing these. Though the only vegetation hitherto obtained in the far south has consisted of mosses and lichens and a few seaweeds, Mr. Ferrars, the geologist of the expedition, has been so fortunate as to collect fossils of higher plants in the expedition to the ice barrier, and these are of the highest interest. The specimens brought back by Mr. Ferrars, taken in conjunction with those recently reported as having been obtained by the German Antarctic expedition, are likely to throw much light on the date of the Antarctic continent.

THE MAGNETIC INVESTIGATIONS.

The main practical interest of the expedition lies in the magnetic results. These at present are only rough, and have to be tabulated and collated with the record taken almultaneously here and at the Cape and in Melbourne. When this shall have been done, we shall have the means of calculating with far more accuracy than at present the magnetic variation of any point in the Southern Ocean. It is largely due to the patience of Bernacchi that continuous observations have been taken in proximity to the magnetic pole, and records extending over two years will enable us to distinguish better between temporary perturbations and normal variations.

Little deep sea work has been done, and should the Discovery go homeward by the Cape, it is hoped that she will have opportunities of doing some dredging in oceanic depths.

THE GEOLOGICAL DISCOVERIES.

OPINIONS OF A SCIENTIST.

Regarding the important geological discoveries made by Mr. Ferrar, geologist of the expedition, who accompanied Captain Scott to the top of the glacier in the highest part of Victoria Land on the occasion of the great journey to the westward, Captain Hutton, F.R.S., ex-president of the Australasian Association, speaks in the most glowing terms. When at a height of between 8000ft and 9000ft above the sea Mr. Ferrar discovered the fossil remains of some plant leaves, embedded in sandstone. "I consider this was the most sensational discovery made on the journey," said Captain Hutton. "If it be not one of the most valuable. The magnetic and meteorological observations and discoveries may be equally as important, but they do not strike the imagination with such force, and the bearing of the discovery on climatology will undoubtedly be very great. It is of no practical value whatever, but its scientific value is immense, increasing our knowledge of the former conditions of the earth. I think it was an extremely fortunate thing that the Discovery could not get out of the ice last year, as those on board have been enabled to do so much they would not otherwise have had an opportunity of." Captain Hutton continued that, judging by the descriptions of the specimens, which will not be unpacked here, Mr. Ferrar's discoveries of fossil plants were most important. One dicotyledonous plant, described as something like Veronica, was clear evidence of a much milder climate than now found in that region, and would probably belong to the tertiary age, in what was known as the miocene age, a time when a much milder climate all through the Antarctics seemd highly probable. These plants belonged to the miocene age. Another important fact discovered was that glaciers and ice formerly extended further than now, which meant that there had been more snowfall. Captain Scott found the snowfall to be small. Greater cold was more likely to decrease the fall of snow. When the climate was warmer there was a greater snowfall, and a correspondingly greater extent of glaciers. This would fit in with the existence of plant life in the period referred to. Another important point was that plant remains had been found embedded in sandstone, containing rounded pebbles of quartz. These pebbles must have come down from a granite district, but as the sandstone containing them was found by Mr. Ferrar high in the western mountains above the quite now existing in the region, most likely the pebbles were the remains of granite mountains which formerly existed, and which in the process of time had been removed. It also showed that the plant remains discovered were by no means modern, and it would take a very long time to remove the country where these pebbles came from. Mr. Fegrar's geological survey of the extensive district was undoubtedly most important to the scientific world.

VIEWS OF PROFESSOR GREGORY.

MELBOURNE, Sunday.

Professor Gregory, discussing the value of the work done by the Discovery Expedition in the Antarctic, says:—"The meteorological results collected by the expedition during its two-years stay at M'Murdo Bay will no doubt be of the highest importance in connection with Australian meteorology, but so far the facts published are insufficient to throw much light on the conclusions, which it may fairly be assumed full details will show. We cannot hope to get a complete solution of the Australian weather problem until we have obtained a greater knowledge of the meteorological condition south of lat. 60deg., and anything the expedition has done in that direction will be of practical value to Australia."

CONGRATULATIONS FROM TASMANIA.

HOBART, Sunday.

On receipt of the news of the arrival of the Antarctic ship Morning at Lyttelton a telegram was forwarded by permission of the Governor from the Royal Society as follows:—"His Excellency Sir A. E. Havelock, Governor of Tasmania, and president of the senior Royal Society of Australasia, on behalf of the council and members, sends hearty congratulations to Captains Colbeck, Scott, and M'Kay, the officers and men, on their safe arrival and scientific success."

Individual members of the society also sent Captain Colbeck congratulations.

NEW ZEALAND.

VICTORIA COLLEGE.

WELLINGTON, Sunday.

The tender of Mr. Maguire, of Wellington, has been accepted in connection with the construction of the Victoria College building at Wellington, for £25,371, the work comprising the centre portion and science rooms only.

DEFENCES OF THE COLONY.

Replying to a resolution of a public meeting at Christchurch, asking that a Royal Commission should inquire into the defences of New Zealand, Mr. Seddon states that the Government does not see its way to comply with the request, and adds, to allay possible anxiety arising from incorrect statements, "that irrespective of the orders given for ammunition and ammunition in course of manufacture, there are 700,000 rounds of ball cartridge in hand in New Zealand."

The Rugby Union offers the New South Wales Union half the profits of the English men's tour in New Zealand, and also to pay all the expenses of the team from its departure from Sydney till its return.

THE NEW FLAGSHIP.

ARRIVAL OF H.M.S. EURYALUS.

DESCRIPTION OF THE VESSEL.

RETURN OF VICE-ADMIRAL FANSHAWE.

The first-class twin-screw armoured cruiser Euryalus, which under the new naval agreement has replaced H.M.S. Royal Arthur as the flagship on the Australian station, arrived at Sydney shortly before 9 o'clock yesterday morning, and moored at the Royal Arthur's buoy in Farm Cove. Throughout the day she was an object of great admiration by immense crowds, which assembled at Fort Macquarie, Mrs. Macquarie's Chair, and along the seawall of the Botanic Gardens. Country visitors were especially interested in the formidable-looking four funnelled warship, and regarded the new flagship as one of the principal sights of show week. Vice-Admiral Fanshawe, who has been absent from Sydney since the beginning of the year, returned by the Euryalus, and was accompanied by Mrs. Fanshawe, Miss Fanshawe, and by his staff. During the afternoon the Admiral and party landed, and for the first time for the past three months the Vice-Admiral's flag was hoisted at Admiralty House.

The Euryalus, viewed from the shore, strongly resembles H.M.S. Diadem, which it will be remembered, brought relief crews from England a few months ago, and was on several occasions thrown open for inspection by the public. The new flagship, however, is a much more modern vessel than the Diadem, and her guns are of the latest type. As already stated, the Euryalus is a new vessel, and finally left the dockyards last year. She is a distinct advance upon the Royal Arthur, and is half as large again.

The displacement of the Euryalus is 12,000 tons, as compared with 7700 tons of the Royal Arthur, and her indicated horse-power is 21,000. The new flagship belongs to the Cressy class, her sister ships being the Cressy, Aboukir, Hogue, Sutlej, and Bacchante. She was built by Messrs. Vickers, Maxim, and Son, of Barrow, where she was launched in 1901. Early in her career she was damaged by fire while lying alongside the yard at Barrow, and subsequently slipped off the blocks while in dock at Messrs. Laird's. The damage done to the ship on this last occasion was very great. The boilers had to be removed, and much of the bottom plating and many of the frames renewed. Her dimensions are as follow:—Length, 440ft; beam, 456ft; draught, 26¼ft.

H.M.S. Euryalus is supplied with engines of the triple-expansion, surface-condensing type and she is fitted with 36 Belville watertube boilers, the coal consumption of the furnaces being 120 tons daily. The Euryalus completed her series of trials on July 1 last, when she ran for eight hours under full power. The speed anticipated was 21 knots; but on the trial, with an indicated horse-power of 21,318, the actual speed over the measured mile course between Dodman and Rame Head was 21.635 knots. So uniform

AUSTRALIA UNREADY.

The able article which appeared in your columns a few days ago, entitled "Are We Ready?" has laid bare the deplorable condition of Australian defence, and should set the public mind at work to devise the speediest and most effective means of removing from Australia the reproach of being unprepared to defend her own shores.

As things are now, though our race has proved itself a warlike one, and though thousands of our young men are always eager and ready, if properly encouraged, to undergo that drudgery of training in time of peace which alone can ensure thorough efficiency in the field, we are compelled to "take shelter under the guns of the British fleet."

Strange as it may seem, Australia, with two powerful fleets actually engaged, and hundreds of transports, carrying many thousands of well-disciplined troops, within a few days' sail of her shores, does not appear able to realise the possibility of invasion, or even of injury, at the hands of an expeditionary force.

Yet, if the British lost, even for a time, the command of the sea, an invasion might be a very simple matter; while the mere temporary absence of the fleet would expose us to the depredations of an expeditionary force if our troops were not sufficiently numerous, well armed, and equipped to repel it.

If 5000 men with field guns were landed at one of our side doors, say Botany, under the guns of a powerful fleet, nothing could save Sydney—and it must not be forgotten that all nations do not make war on English lines.

What applies to Sydney applies, more or less, to the other capitals and sea ports of Australia, and with these in hostile hands the country would be virtually conquered, without the enemy having to march a mile inland.

Unfortunately the lesson of the great Boer war has been very wrongly read by many Australians. "Do away with expensive staff officers and give every citizen a rifle and do as the Boers did," say the Labour leaders. If the Boers had had an efficient headquarters staff, we might now have been engaged in the reconquest of Natal and Cape Colony. If a defence system must be starved, better a thousand times to have, proportionately, many officers and few men than an armed populace with few officers. Privates of a kind, and not a bad kind, can be made out of Australian recruits in a few weeks, but it takes years to make a scientific officer, and no other is entirely reliable. Guerilla leaders, however slim they may be like De Wet, or gallant like Delarey, may win skirmishes, or even battles where they act on the defensive, but they are not generals who carry campaigns to successful issues. No scientific soldier would have been entrapped into tarrying at Ladysmith or Kimberley, as were Joubert, Botha, and Cronje.

And, apropos of the Government's neglect of our rank and file, it may be as well to say that splendid as were the fighting qualities of the men, we sent to South Africa, and good as the general conduct of most of the contingents was, considering the little discipline they had been under before going into the field, we must not plume ourselves upon turning out finished soldiers in a few weeks. Our men could not have found a more favourable field for fighting than the veldt, nor a foe they better understood than the Boer bushmen. They were often able, in some matters, to give Tommy Atkins points—and there is no better soldier on earth than Tommy. The Australians would acquit themselves like valiant men wherever they were sent, but, under different conditions, and opposed to the highly trained troops of Germany or Russia, they might not find themselves as much at home as they did in South Africa. They might then have reason to deplore their lack of training. I do not lay stress on this point to disparage the Australian soldiers, for I have reason to know their worth too well; but I wish to make it clear that highly trained Australians are, by far, better soldiers than Australian recruits, good as the latter may be, and also to endeavour to dispel the "Labour leaders' " myth of the value of an armed mob.

There would be no analogy between the Boer war and that which would result from an invasion of Australia, or rather a dash at its ports, which, if successful, would mean the conquest of the Commonwealth. In South Africa the armies were literally far from their bases, they were for a long time tied to the railways and unable, for lack of transport, to do anything but hurl themselves against the enemy's entrenchments. All these conditions would be changed in the case of a rush at our capitals. Again, as regards the concentration of the defending forces, there is an enormous difference. The Transvaal and Orange River Colony are about one-tenth the size of Australia, and, wherever the enemy knew exactly what our lines of advance must be, with us the enemy would be knocking at our door before we knew he had started.

The capture of Sydney would mean the loss of the British naval base, which might drive the enemy the preponderance of sea power in the Southern Hemisphere.

Having shown how easy it would be to cripple Australia if she were unprepared, and having demonstrated what all the world—except Mr. Chapman, who "Monitored" the approaches—the question of war with a "light heart," convinced that everything, "to the last button of the last gaiter," is ready—knows that we are absolutely unprepared; and having shown that the public fails to realise—and takes but little interest in the state of affairs, it is well to ask what can be done to awaken the public conscience.

When one remembers that the rehabilitation of the navy was practically due to the persistency with which the "Times" exposed its weakness, it is hopeful to find the "Herald" strenuously taking up the matter of Australian defence.

But, though the Australian press may have the courage to tell the public unpalatable truths, it is rare indeed that a politician does so—he loves to shape his movements to accordance with those of the jumping cat. Where is the leading statesman in Australia who does not know that every word of your article "Are We Ready?" is absolutely true, who does not know that, owing to its defenceless condition, the Commonwealth may at any time find itself in deadly peril, and yet dares to offend Mr. Watson by saying, "Though everything else may have to wait, the defences of the country must be placed on a proper footing." The only way, as far as I have known in Australia, is for unflinchingly declared that they put the national security before all other questions are Sir Samuel Griffith and Mr. Dalley. No doubt if the press arouses the public mind to a true sense of the situation its efforts will react on the politicians—they will jump with the cat.

The Navy League has done good work at home. Could not much be done in Australia by a National Defence League pro aris et focis?

Having dealt generally with the danger of our unreadiness, with the lack of public appreciation of our own condition, and having suggested what appears to be the only hope of bringing the people to understand their peril, perhaps I may be permitted to revert to the nature of the danger with which we are threatened.

So far I have dealt only with the direct danger to Australia—that is, what might happen to the States in the event of Great Britain losing, for a time, command of the sea, or an attack of an expeditionary force during the temporary absence of the fleet.

I have drawn attention to the danger of leaving Sydney, the British naval base in these waters, exposed to attack. Of course the Admiral would take steps to secure his base. But the great sea fight which might save the Empire—and therefore Australia—might have to be fought in the Yellow Sea or the Straits of Bab-el-Mandeb, and, by reason of our not being in a position to defend the mother city of our own land, the Admiral might be called upon to decide between the risk of leaving his base open to capture and leaving the other fleet or fleets unsupported at the all-important point of concentration. Surely if England maintains a fleet for our defence we ought to take care of its base while it is away fighting our battles, especially when that base is the first city of our Commonwealth. Our selfishness might bring about not only the ruin of our own land, but of the Empire, for selfishness it is to squander the money which should be spent in preparing to defend ourselves in the wars of the Empire. The money spent by the Admiralty in Sydney would probably be sufficient to ensure the safety of the port.

There are many Australians, myself amongst the number, who think that we ought to be ready to take part in the wars of the Empire, as we did in South Africa. Foreign Powers stood amazed at the spectacle of the "Sons of the Empire" flocking from all parts of the globe to fight the common foe. The belief that they will do so "makes for peace," and it is well that it should become a fixed idea. Australians who carp at our helping the motherland—and I think such are few—should remember that she would send her last man and spend her last shilling to defend us.

Our legislators, generally prodigal enough in spending the nation's money, like to get some things on the cheap, especially defence. Some weeks ago you did me the honour to print an article of mine entitled "A Royal Australian Yeomanry." I referred therein to a proposal made by Sir George French in the "Times" some four years ago that the Imperial Government should raise 10,000 cavalry or mounted infantry in Australia for foreign service in time of war at an annual cost of £1,000,000. Stated briefly, my article suggested that the number should be 20,000, and that to meet the objection that the plan might deplete the Commonwealth of its fighting men I proposed that all those enrolled should, after their Imperial service, be passed into an Australian reserve for another five years, and further, so that we should not be left in the lurch pending the formation of such reserve, should war be declared before a sufficient reserve were automatically formed, Great Britain should not withdraw from Australia more than 15,000 men, the remaining 5000 being taken over by the Federal Government for home defence. If such a plan could be brought about the Commonwealth would be relieved of a great portion of its military burden, as a large and increasing number of well-seasoned soldiers would be constantly passing into the service of the Commonwealth without having cost it a penny. A. H.

CASUALTIES.

ACCIDENT AT THE SHOW.

On Saturday afternoon, during the 12st Hunters' contest at the Royal Agricultural Society's Show, an accident occurred which resulted in a young man named A. Hanken having an ankle broken. He was riding Mr. Duck's Premier over the hurdles when the accident took place. The horse, which had successfully negotiated the preceding jumps, struck the last hurdle heavily, went down, and fell on its rider. Hanken, who rescue to Junee, was conveyed by the Civil Ambulance and the transport Brigade to the Sydney Hospital, where he was admitted for treatment by Dr. Adams.

DROWNED WHILST BATHING.

On Saturday afternoon a boy named John Murphy, aged 14 years, was bathing with a number of others in the Woolli Creek, Cook's River, when he was overcome by cramp, and sank before assistance could be obtained. Deceased was the only son of the number who could swim. He lately resided with his parents in Victoria-road, Marrickville.

A CYCLIST INJURED.

Alfred Smedley, a clerk, residing at Greenstreet, Mosman's Bay, was riding his bicycle down the incline at the Point Wharf, Mosman, on Saturday morning, when he lost control of the machine, which ran at a terrific speed on to the wharf. It struck against a pole, and the rider was precipitated into the water. He managed to cling to a pile of the wharf, and willing hands soon rescued him from his perilous position. He was afterwards conveyed by the Civil Ambulance and Transport Brigade to Sydney Hospital, where he was admitted suffering from the effects of the fall and the immersion.

FOUND DROWNED AT MANLY.

Yesterday morning the dead body of a man was found between the rocks near Cabbage Tree Point, Manly. The man apparently fell from the ferry, as a postmarken corresponding with the size of his boots were found on the ground above. The man's name is unknown. He was about 30 years of age, 5ft 9in in height, and wore a blue serge sac suit, a brown felt hat, and celluloid collar. The body was conveyed to the North Morgue, where it awaits identification.

BRISBANE, Sunday.

George Skinner, employed at the Millaquin Refinery, Bundaberg, met with a serious accident yesterday. He was engaged with others erecting a new shoot for loading vessels with sugar, when he overbalanced and fell into the water, a distance of 25ft, striking an old wharf in his fall. He was rescued by William Guthrie, and it was found he had sustained serious fractures of both wrists, a broken rib, and a severe gash under the chin, with other injuries. He is in a critical condition.

THE WEATHER.

THE STORM PASSED AWAY.

The heavy rains which have recently been experienced over a large area of the State passed away early on Saturday, and yesterday fine weather conditions prevailed everywhere. The weather chart issued on Saturday shows that further exceedingly heavy downpours occurred in the north on Thursday night and during the whole of Good Friday. Among the registrations for the 48 hours ended at 9 o'clock on Saturday were:—

	Points.		Points.
Woolgoolga	992	Bundella	297
Mullumbimby	830	Maitland	220
Quirindi	486	Muswellbrook	280
Grafton	457	Manning	206
Port Macquarie	434	Newcastle	280
Taree	416	Gunnedah	246
Coolah	368	Casilis	246
Bendemeer	240	Sydney	242
Raymond Terrace	235	Jerry's Plains	225
Werris Creek	315	Tenterfield	217
Tamworth	206	Manilla	215
Nambucca	302	Tweed	200
Bellinger	400		

Fine weather generally is predicted for today.

PHENOMENAL DOWNPOUR AT DUNGOG.

DUNGOG, Saturday.

There was a phenomenal downpour of rain during the week in this locality, nearly 9in falling at Dungog, and 11¼in at the head of the river. On Thursday night 4in were registered. The river rose with amazing rapidity on Friday, and reached a height several feet above the highest mark previously marked this year. All the lowlying lands were inundated, and the creeks in many places rose to such an extent as to render traffic impossible. Myall Creek rose to the planking on the Bennett Bridge, while the river broke over the bank at the Dungog end of the coverdale culvert, near the Coorei Bridge. Exciting experiences were related by residents, who were forced to remove their cattle from the flats to the highlands. In one instance several bullocks swam a considerable distance to a place of safety. Quantities of debris have spread over the farms and flats, but no serious damage has been done.

The mail coach this morning was delayed for several hours by floods.

The rain ceased this morning, and there is every appearance of the weather clearing up.

The water backed from Myall Creek into Mr. G. Walker's paddocks, and entered the front portion of his residence. Hoode-street culvert was covered by several feet of water.

HEAVY RAINFALL ON THE MANNING.

WINGHAM, Saturday.

Eight inches of rain have fallen in the past five days. The river rose to 35 feet at Woodside and 22 feet at Wingham, being over the sheds on the wharf. The water went over the lowlands, but the damage done is very slight, as most of the maize on the lowlands had been pulled and stored. The mails to and from Sydney travelled via Killawarra Bridge, it being a great convenience in time of floods, causing but little delay and enabling the mails to be kept in good order.

A little warm weather is now wanted to make the crops and grass grow.

FLOODS IN THE WEST MAITLAND DISTRICT.

WEST MAITLAND, Saturday.

The weather is fine but threatening. The river is 26¼ feet high and stationary. Wallis and Fishers Creeks rose during the night, and in places are within 6 inches of breaking over on the farms. An embankment was built on Friday on the Glenarven-road to protect the Bolwara farms, and is standing well. At Oakhampton the surface water is flowing over fences between the farms and completely submerging the lucerne and young maize crops. The river is still rushing through the floodgates up Wallis Creek. Mulbring Creek came down in flood last night and poured into Angowrah swamps. The lower portions of Mr. Marriott's property are submerged. The surface waters and the overflow from Deep Creek are filling up the Wentworth swamps, making a sea of water between East Greta Railway and Bishop's Bridge and Farley. With the west the river is no fear of a flood from the river. The farmers are engaged erecting temporary embankments along Fishery Creek to guard against the effects of a further rise.

LOWLANDS SUBMERGED.

RAYMOND TERRACE, Saturday.

The river overflowed its banks again on Friday night, and the lowest portions of the district were submerged. The water is now receding, and not a great deal of damage will be done.

NARROW ESCAPE OF BOATMEN.

MOREE, Saturday.

Splendid weather has prevailed since Thursday. The rivers were coming down in half flood, but are now subsiding. The Gwydir, at Fallawallawa, to-day was 14ft 6in, but has fallen 18in. A party of six young men in a boat on the Mehi River yesterday evening had a narrow escape. The boat ran into a tree, and sank. All hands were thrown into the flooded stream. Fortunately they escaped to land, very little the worse

MAILS DELAYED.

TAREE, Saturday.

The rain for the last three days has amounted to 289 points. The river rose several feet. The Sydney mails due here at 7.15 last night arrived at a quarter to 1 this morning.

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EASTER MANŒUVRES.

WITH THE MOUNTED DEFENDERS.

BRIGADE DRILL AND MILITARY SPORTS.

DELIGHTFUL WEATHER CONDITIONS.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

RICHMOND, Sunday.

At last the weather has turned. When we woke on Saturday morning a genial sun was climbing up the horizon, and the heat, tempered by a breeze, dried all things. Never did and nature so turn our thoughts to pleasant topics. By Friday night we had become a drazzle-tailed crew, wet and weary and cross; but with the sun all that changed, and sodden clothing was spread out to dry amidst boisterous merriment. The troops imbued with the spirit of the times neighed and tossed their heads with very gladness of heart. Oh, what a fine thing it is to be camping in the open when the weather is kind! How the springing turf, and the elastic footstep act into your harmony, and the thick, sodden, plash, plash of the water-logged boot on the soaking ground is a far away memory! No wonder, then, that the call to "assemble," after breakfast, was responded to with buoyant alacrity, and horses and riders moved with machine-like precision. There was nothing great to be done—regimental drill and brigade operations on the pretty parade ground. Lieutenant-Colonel Vernon, Lieutenant-Colonel Onslow, and Major Ryrie led their respective regiments out, and the force was supplemented by two batteries of artillery under Lieutenant-Colonel Wells. On the field of action the forces were brigaded under Brigadier-Colonel Burns, and were kept hard going for some hours at tactical and strategical evolutions. Just as the aggregation of units make the army, so the isolated manœuvres are inherent ingredients of the general camp. Consequently the evolutions of Saturday were really a rehearsal of the operations set down for Tuesday and Wednesday, or, if not a rehearsal, may in some degree be spoken of as a preliminary canter. The training was not only for men, but for the horses too, for perfection in their drill may turn a possible defeat in real action to victory.

After the brigade work the regiment acted independently, and each commanding officer operated with his horse, as if it were a complete body preparing for advance and attack. In olden days this would not have been possible in the case of the Lancers, because they were Lancers pure and simple. To-day the lance is discarded, and troop leaders and men are all armed with the rifle. The officers commanding formed up for attack, and practised the men in reconnoitring. Screens were put out, and all the tactics of discovering the enemy and protecting the main body were indulged in. Taken altogether, the full strength acquitted themselves admirably, and next week's operations will show to what extent the lessons have been assimilated by officers and men. The artillery put in some useful work, which they conducted in the afternoon, while the sports for the mounted troops were in progress.

Those sports embodied the essential elements of utility, although they were primarily intended for entertainment. There were horseracing, rescue events, and footracing, the latter of course to be used in action towards and not away from the enemy, in one of the horseraces a rider was thrown and stunned. When he recovered consciousness he gazed round him, and then with an effort at a shrewd wink murmured to a mate: "I say, riding cummin' duck was the outward manifestation of his poignant discern at coming a cropper. He had been heavily handicapped in the class of horse he was riding, and had no chance of winning, but being an Australian and a rider he had to venture some excuse for his throw, and so he did. Backed by Mr. T. F. H. Mackenzie, M.L.A., he was thoroughly quoted. The rescue race gave a stirring exhibition of horsemanship. The riders had to clear hurdles, rescue a living man, and then in such fashion double back and gallop home to safety. Some of the horses acted their parts well, and some ludicrous pictures of novel buckjumping were presented to the local crowd of spectators which had gathered. The military interest in these sports was very keen, and the arrangements were well made by Major Onslow Thompson and Lieutenants Hudson and Wedd. The results were:—

Flat Race, 4f.—Trooper Mark, Gundagai, 3rd Regiment, 1; Corporal Wright, Parramatta Lancers, 1st Regiment, 2; Corporal O'Connor, Parramatta Lancers 3rd Regiment, 3. Time, protest against Coolahson, the horse which ran first.

One hundred Yards Championship.—Trooper Wilson Molonglo, 2nd Regiment, 1; Trooper Haggett, Molong 2nd Regiment, 2.

Hurdle Race.—Trooper Gordon, Tumut, 3rd Regiment, 1; Trooper Hudson, Bungendore, 3rd Regiment, 2.

To-day went by, of course, without any operations, for though in warfare Sunday temporarily loses its full religious significance, and positions may be stormed, or warships blown up between prayers, so to speak, yet in modern warfare Sunday is paid as a day of rest. A little business had to be done to-day—it was absolutely necessary. The principal officers took a gentle jaunt on horseback over Tuesday's scene of operations, just to familiarise themselves with the country, but the camp itself lay basking in the sun serenely calm. It was pretty in the dawn. Great fog clouds rolled towards it and wrapped it so obscurely that one could not pick up the tent ropes, except when dangled before them. Then the fog rolled off again, and the pinnacles of the tents, first showing, made an astonishing picture from a convenient height. It looked like a mirage which faded into reality as more and more of the canvas emerged above the mist, and at last the whole lay shimmering before you. In the afternoon there were church services conducted by the Revs. J. Howell Price, Church of England, Father O'Brien, Roman Catholic, and Dr. Cameron, Presbyterian. The Lancers Band played for the first-named service, and the 4th Hussars Band for the last.

The horse fair, which is to take place on Wednesday next, is being followed with much interest. Lieutenant Skuthorpe will be the auctioneer, and he will submit the first of 150 horses at 1 p.m. on the parade ground.

PORT JACKSON DEFENCES.

GUN PRACTICE AT THE HEADS.

Consequent upon the saturated nature of the camp at Middle Head, owing to the recent heavy rains, it was found necessary to remove, on Friday night, No. 3 and No. 4 Companies of Australian Garrison Artillery from their quarters, it being considered by the O.C.A. (Lieutenant-Colonel Stanley) unwise to risk another night on the camp site, upon which, in some places, the water was fully an inch deep. Arrangements were quickly made for placing the whole establishment under cover, the men of the R.A.A. turning out of their messroom, and thus providing sheltered quarters for the larger portion of the A.G.A. The remainder were quartered in the covered gun batteries, thereby the whole force was provided with permanent cover. The same arrangements were made on Saturday night, but with a continuance of the finer weather, the two companies were enabled to return to their camp last night. Despite the inconveniences suffered, the whole force was in the best of spirits and health, there being but one case of sickness.

On Saturday, under genial weather conditions, some instructive work was accomplished. At South Head No. 1 Company A.G.A. engaged in elementary practice with the 80-pounder muzzle-loading guns, under Major Pringle, the instruction of the latter was less noticeable this year, as, on account of the weather, there were fewer private sailing boats abroad. Although the practice was somewhat slow, it was fairly acurate, though not high-class. As No. 1 Company retired, No. 2 Company, under Captain Hall and Lieutenant Willis, took their turn, and fired 10 rounds. The practice was more accurate and the drill satisfactory. Their place was in turn taken by No. 4 (Wollongong) Company, under Captain Warren and Lieutenant O'Donnell. During the 10 rounds fired, the shooting was slow, but appeared more accurate than that of the preceding companies. Those judgments were formed without reference to the range reports by Lieutenant-Colonel Stanley, from ordinary observation from the battery. At Middle Head the Middle Head Garrison was engaged in group drill, under battery commanders.

The R.A.A. was occupied at South Head in raising to its position a 6in quick-firing gun, just returned from England, whither it had been sent for reconversion. Originally it was a breech-loading gun, and is now one of three similarly treated, which will be mounted in a new battery at South Head. When in position they will materially strengthen the armament of Port Jackson. Assistance in the raising work was given by the men of No. 1 Company A.G.A.

At 7.30 p.m., the whole of the force, under the O.C.A., was engaged in a night manning of the forts, every man being in his allotted position, as under service conditions.

Yesterday there was the usual church parades, after which the officers of the forces at Middle and South Heads were present at a lecture by Lieutenant-Colonel Stanley on "Regulations for traffic in defended ports, war signals, and identification of shipping." At its conclusion, the O.C.A. explained the scheme for the annual manning of Port Jackson defences.

No. 1 (Electrical) Company, Australian Engineers, under Captain Alexander, had a busy day, during which they were engaged in erecting signal apparatus, and overhauling mines and dynamos. At night the corps was practised in electric lighting, the beam and search lights at Middle Head being brought into requisition.

This morning extensive manoeuvres will be carried out in connection with the defences of Port Jackson, in which the whole of the forts, from Coogee to the Heads, will participate. The practice will be judged by a special umpire staff, the chief of which will be Lieutenant-Colonel Bridges, R.A.A., A.Q.M.G., who yesterday arrived from Melbourne for the purpose.

THE INFANTRY AT CANTERBURY.

GOOD WEATHER AND HAPPY SOLDIERS.

VISIT OF THE STATE GOVERNOR.

THE STORY OF A KILT.

The camp breathed more freely when it was roused by the reveille at a quarter to 6 on Saturday morning, as the first streaks of dawn indicated that there was a good prospect of the weather clearing. Officers and men were much comforted, and as the sun rose so did the somewhat depressed spirits of the troops regain their buoyancy, until soon all down the lines rejoicings and jollity were general. The fatigue parties had gone methodically in the fine drying wind that sprung up, and with such splendid effect did it perform its duty that by midday, when Brigadier-General Finn and staff came into camp from Clarendon, a great part of the slush and mud had been recovered into terra firma. Only in Finn-street and Hutton-avenue—the thoroughfares dividing the tents of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Regiments—was the ground particularly boggy and sloppy, and this chiefly owing to the heavy traffic.

Before 9 o'clock the partially-paid troops were exercised in company drill, and during the afternoon they practised some distance out of camp the attack and defence in battalion formation.

The volunteers turned to in the early morning cleaning up camp, and afterwards acting as a brigade, they were given a stiff five hours' work in the neighbourhood of Belmore. In the movements over 1000 officers and men participated. The brigade was manœuvred in the attack and retreat, the formations including line of battalions, wheeling into mass, advancing in mass, forming column for defiling, deploying into line of battalions, and throwing out advance and rear guards. Considering that to a large percentage of the men the brigade operations were new and were executed by them for the first time, the work generally was carried out in a creditable manner. A detachment of the 16 of the University Scouts, under Captain Simpson, was attached to the brigade.

A few noteworthy incidents occurred in the rough country traversed. Crossing Cook's River many of the men got a wetting through indiscretion and over zeal. One stalwart Irishman disappeared in the water but quickly recovered, whilst only the feather of a Highlander's glengarry bobbing for a brief interval on the surface of the stream denoted its owner's early labours. Advancing cautiously in the vicinity of Belmore portion of the Scottish came up short against a thoroughly substantial barbed wire fence. The gallant company leader essayed the task of showing his men the way to overcome the obstacle, but unfortunately brought some miscalculation or error of judgment, the officer's kilt became entangled in the barbs, and he was placed hors de combat. Visions of disaster loomed up in the officer's mind, and after being released with torn clothes from his awkward predicament he ordered the men to deploy, but the fence extended over much country, and involved a matter of an extra tramp of a mile or more to the kilted "laddies."

Surgeon-General Williams, C.B., made a critical inspection of the Army Medical Corps and the hospital during the morning, and subsequently informed Lieutenant-Colonel Roth, D.S.O., that he was very well pleased at the turnout, etc., and had no fault to find with any of the details, rich praise from an officer of his reputation.

The State Governor, accompanied by Lady Rawson and a vice-regal party, inspected the camp in the afternoon. On arrival at Canterbury railway station his Excellency was welcomed to the district by the Mayor (Alderman Benjamin Taylor), and then introduced by Major T. F. H. Mackenzie, M.L.A., to the aldermen. Outside the station the cyclist section of the 1st Regiment, under Lieutenant H. V. Russell, was drawn up, and acted as an escort to the distinguished visitors as they were driven to the camp of the 1st Brigade. Their excellencies were in admiral's uniform, was received by the customary guard of honour, and afterwards, under the pilotage of Brigadier-General Finn and Colonel Waddell, he walked through the lines, taking a keen interest in all he saw.

The evening church parade took place at 6 o'clock, prior to the militia brigade moving off for outpost manœuvres. When the troops were formed up, his Excellency decorated Colonel Waddell, the brigadier, Captain J. H. Strong, quartermaster of the 1st Regiment, and Warrant Officer S. H. Mickleston, the garrison sergeant-major, with the long service medals.

Addressing the brigade, Sir Harry expressed the great pleasure it had given him in being present at the camp. He was glad to learn from the how good weather the men had taken the very bad time they had experienced. It was one of the best traits that he knew, both of soldiers and sailors, in putting up with discomforts and making the best of them. He had been much struck with what he had witnessed, and only regretted that time would not allow him to inspect the men individually. He congratulated them on their strength and turn-out, and trusted the weather would keep bright and enable them to have more comfort during the next few days.

The State Governor concluded by calling for three cheers for the King. These were lustily given, and his Excellency, Brigadier-General Finn, and staff officers then visited the lines of the volunteer brigade, situated on the crest of a hill half a mile away. The freshly-recruited Gosford Company of the Australian Rifles was detailed as a guard of honour. It mustered full strength, and created an excellent impression in the new Commonwealth field service uniforms. Having inspected the camp, Sir Harry expressed his gratification at all he had observed. The vice-regal party returned to Sydney shortly afterwards.

The two brigades worked independently in the evening outpost manœuvres. Each covered some miles of close, rough, and unknown country, thick with ti-tree in places, and it was fortunate that the troops had the advantage of a good moon. The general idea upon which the volunteer brigade operated was that an enemy had been reported near Saltpan Creek, advancing in the direction of Canterbury. The main body was at Canterbury Bridge. Lieutenant-Colonel Campbell, the brigadier, ordered the brigade to take up an outpost line from a point on the Canterbury-road, about a half mile from Belmore Station. The Irish Rifles and the St. George's Rifles were assigned the first line, and the Scottish, Australian Rifles, and Civil Service Rifles apportioned to the reserve. The outposts were relieved in turn by the reserves. Camp was made at 10 p.m.

In the 1st brigade, the 2nd and 3rd Regiments carried out a scheme in which they acted as opposing forces, whilst the 1st Regiment worked separately. The 3rd Regiment was supposed to be a hostile force, which, having seized the punt and crossing at George's River and Tom Ugly's Point, occupied Hurstville and Kogarah. The home force (the 2nd Regiment) determined to hold the ridge on the left bank of the Woolli Creek and Cook's River, extending from Canary's-road to Undercliffe bridge. Dispositions were accordingly made. The enemy advanced meanwhile to the ridge on the opposite side of Woolli Creek, and the two forces came into contact at long range, and then retired. Lieutenant-Colonel Oldershaw distributed the 1st Regiment over a position extending for about four miles from Canterbury-road, near Belmore Public School, to Gannon's Forest-road, near Peakhurst. The militia found their way back to the encampment about 10 p.m.

MAJOR-GENERAL HUTTON'S INSPECTION.

INFANTRY AND OLD CLOTHES.

Sunday at Canterbury was hot and muggy. At 10 o'clock the troops fell in for church parades. The Anglican service was conducted by Lieutenant-Colonel the Rev. H. J. Rose in the 1st Brigade lines; the Roman Catholics were attended to by Monsignor O'Brien in the Irish Rifles lines; the Presbyterians by the Rev. Dill Macky in the Scottish Rifles quarters; whilst Captain the Rev. H. J. Foreman ministered to the Methodists in the chapel facing the Town Hall. The regimental bands led in the hymns. The Church of England service was the largest in point of numbers, and amongst those who attended were Major-General Sir Edward Hutton and Mr. Austin Chapman (Minister for Defence), both of whom arrived early, Brigadier-General Finn and the district staff, and Colonel Waddell and the brigade staff.

The service concluded, the G.O.C. embraced the opportunity of addressing a few "remarks" to the officers and men. He expressed his pleasure at the big turnout, and alluded to the inconveniences and hardships caused by the wet weather.

"But it is these discomforts, after all, in a military career which really test men—next, of course, to the field of battle. Now, I thought I noticed," continued Sir Edward, "a little want of steadiness on the part of some of the men just now when you were called to attention, but very different to what I recollect eight years ago. I hope the fact that your clothes being old and worn out will not affect the steadiness of the infantry. Do not forget that what has made the British Empire is the British infantry, which has been the backbone of all arms in the field. Open formations in the field are necessitated now by long-range fire; but recollect that when you are opened out into such formations steadiness and precision are still required. You men have a soul above your clothes. I am very glad you are not in your new uniforms at this camp. You will have a ceremonial parade later in the year, wearing the new uniforms. We are going to have everything of the best in this arm of the Commonwealth forces, and we are going to have the infantry maintaining all the best traditions of the British army."

The brigadier called the troops to "attention." The G.O.C. was not quite satisfied. "Heads up; it doesn't matter about your old clothes," he shouted. The order was repeated, and the parade dismissed. An hour later each of the regiments was formed up adjacent to its lines, and carefully inspected by Major-General Hutton. There was a motley assortment of uniforms, from the old-fashioned red coat down to the dilapidated brown field service, with various South African tunics interwoven, and here and there an officer in the new regulation pattern. The General criticised freely, as is his wont, and was also generous in his compliments. Men with South African experience he appeared partial to, and with a kindly recognition and a pleasant word to those he remembered at the Vaal River and elsewhere in the war, he passed down the open ranks. In company with Mr. Chapman and Brigadier-General Finn he dined with the 2nd Brigade, and left for the city in the afternoon.

The massed bands, under Brigade Bandmaster Mr. Bradley, played an interesting programme of sacred music during the afternoon. The camp was thronged with thousands of visitors. General leave was given to 25 per cent. of the troops. Last night the officers and non-commissioned officers had the mistaken man on "outposts" pointed out to them, with, of course, explanations as to the way in which the duties should have been discharged. Considering the unpropitious weather the health of the camp has been wonderfully good. Only three minor cases have been treated in the hospital to date.

The two brigades will be early afield today, when, co-operating as a division, they will provide spectators who may happen to be in the country between Belmore and Bankstown with a "tactical illustration" of an infantry attack on an enemy who will be denoted by lines of flags. The combined force will return to camp about 1 p.m. The volunteers will "strike tents" in the evening, but the partially-paid troops remain until tomorrow night.

THE PADDINGTON CAMP.

ENGINEERS AT WORK.

The officers and men of Nos. 1 and 4 field companies of the Australian Engineers are encamped on the site of the old rifle range, Moore Park, Paddington. Most of the men went into camp on Tuesday night, and found that Staff-sergeant Pantlin had everything in readiness for their comfort. The weather conditions, however, were such as to upset the calculations of the men. In all there are 17 tents erected within a small area. Those in camp consist of Major Spain, officer commanding), with Captain A. W. Warden, Lieutenants S. H. Barraclough and E. V. Rowe, with 86 rank and file. The muster has proved a record attendance at camp, there being only half a dozen less than the full strength of the two companies. The men have the fortunate position of having at their headquarters adjoining the camp a spacious shed in which they took shelter for the night in consequence of the continuous rain. Throughout Friday the camp presented the appearance of a deserted Australian town. The chief attraction to casual visitors was the kitchen and the cooks at work. No outdoor duties could be performed, but the men had some useful instructional work in the shed, Staff-sergeant Pantlin acting as instructor. The work indulged in included preparing a signalling station in sections, barrel pier bridging, particularly in regard to details, single-lock bridge, swinging derricks, and the gin.

As the unfavourable weather broke up on Saturday morning Major Spain was enabled to put the men under his command through some useful instructional work. At the camp an observatory tower for signalling was constructed to a considerable height. Exercises in flag signalling were also carried out between men at the camp and others on the hill near Centennial Park.

A detachment from both companies proceeded to the lakes in Centennial Park, and performed the preparatory work of waterbridge construction. This work it is intended to complete during to-day and to-morrow. Throughout the day the various routine duties were performed by the men cheerfully, and the camp attracted attention from a large gathering of Harry-who residents. In the evening the men and their friends enjoyed a concert, which was given under the presidency of the officers commanding.

On Sunday morning church parade was held at All Saints', Woollahra, when the sermon was preached by the Rev. H. Wallace Mort, M.A. (Senior Military Chaplain).

SUBMARINE MINERS AT CHOWDER.

The submarine mining section of the Australian Engineers entered upon their annual 16s days' continuous training on Friday, Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. Lee in command officer. The company command is undertaken by Captain P. C. Day, who has with him Lieutenants Littlejohn, Calvert, MacGregor, and Young. The company, 60 strong, is comfortably quartered in the large store shed, consequently is not subjected to the inconveniences experienced by other arms of the regiment. The partially-paid section entered camp about 10.30 a.m., having been preceded by the permanent section by some two hours. They were engaged in completing camp arrangements, otherwise a quiet day was spent. A vast amount of useful and interesting work is annually carried out by submarine miners in the mining fields, where electric contact and observation mines are laid and picked up.

NORTHERN DISTRICT ENCAMPMENT.

NEWCASTLE, Sunday.

The stormy weather spent itself during Friday night, and it has since been fine and cool. The infantry camp at Redhead was early astir, and, the ground being sandy, there was soon very little trace of the heavy rainfall, and, after things had been straightened up, Lieutenant-Colonel Rasell took the whole force out for a day's work. Some very interesting and useful training was gone through, including attack, defence, outpost duty, and skirmishing, and the troops got back to camp about 7 p.m., but even then the day's work was not concluded. The men had just settled down after tea for a quiet evening, when an alarm was sounded. Though it was quite unexpected, the camp was under arms in two minutes, and on the march to an adjacent hill, on the top of which the enemy was supposed to be. On returning to the usual camp fire concert was held, the band of the 4th Regiment contributing the music. Then Bishop Stretch administered communion at 7.30 to members of the Anglican denomination, and at 9 o'clock the men fell in for church parade. Bishop Stretch conducted a service, and the Rev. Rainsford Bavin held a service for members of the Methodist Church. The Roman Catholics attended mass at Dudley. Colonel Williams, chief medical officer, visited the camp to-day. At the camp of the garrison artillery on Fort Scratchley, the chief feature of yesterday's work was the annual gun firing. A detachment of the R.A.A. arrived from Sydney under Captain Robertson, for the purpose of manning the 6-inch gun at Fort Scratchley, the 4.7-inch gun at Shepherd's Hill, the three 6-inch guns at the fort being manned by the garrison company. The men fell in shortly after 2 p.m and mounted the guns. In the meantime a target party had gone out of the harbour on a tug under Sergeant Mitchell, R.A. The tug had two Hongkong targets in tow, each 6ft square and 60ft apart, the intervening space representing the vital parts of a ship, the object of the shooting being to place the shots between the targets. The umpires were Major Cosson, R.A., Commander Brownlow (officer commanding naval forces), and Lieutenant Williams (Naval Brigade). Paymaster Ross, of the Naval Brigade, also accompanied the party on the tug. The firing was under the supervision of Lieutenant-Colonel Kirkaldy, Captain J. S. Stark being battery commander. When the targets had been towed about two miles out from Fort Scratchley the firing started. The range was picked up at the third shot, and independent firing immediately followed. The practice was very good, every shot passed between the targets. In fact, in the second round a ball from the fort cut the hawser between the targets, cutting the stern one adrift, while the last shot from Shepherd's Hill bowled the remaining target to leeward. The umpires were highly pleased. The medical officers present were Major Beeston and Captain Horsfall, D.S.O. The parade was dismissed at 4 p.m., and the R.A.A. detachment subsequently returned to Sydney by train. The Cook's Hill Public School Band played in camp in the evening, and the occasion was chosen to present Sergeants Hewes and Timmbs and Gunners Currie, G. Coppard, and Ross with long-service medals. This morning there was a church parade, in which the Naval Brigade joined, the march being headed by the Cook's H

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Saturday Evening.

No business transpired to-day in stocks or shares, or otherwise financially.

The figures presented by the chairman of the Citizens' Life Assurance Company at the meeting yesterday show the institution to be in a good position. The valuation has now been actually presented on a 3 per cent. basis; the amount reserved in 1902 and the surplus in 1903 admitted of the raising of the assurance fund to this high figure. In an office that does business in the United Kingdom, where leading life offices now value at 3 and even 2½ per cent., it was good policy to make a change from 3½ per cent., as the higher the valuation the more secure is the society. Not, indeed, that there is any necessity for an office which invests its funds in Australia to assume that it will not earn 3½ per cent.; but for greater precaution the English people probably prefer the rate of 3 per cent., which requires a larger fund to meet the losses from year to year. Besides, the more valuation does not affect the interest earned on the funds. And while in round figures from 3 to 4 per cent. more of the gross annual premiums has to be reserved, the interest earned on the larger fund compensates to some extent for the reservation. And instead of the excess over 3½ per cent. earned on the larger excess over 3 per cent. is available as surplus, to be distributed as bonuses, or as the company may decide. Purely Australian offices earn on the average about 4½ per cent. on their invested funds, while the average return on the funds of British institutions is 3½ per cent., so that an Australian institution, with a fund valued at 3½ per cent., may be said to occupy as sound a position as a British one with its policy reserves valued at 3 per cent. Some of the British offices, indeed, are still on a 3½ per cent. valuation basis, and if they earn the average English rate of 3½ per cent., they have only a margin of surplus of ½ per cent., in this respect being not so well off as those Australian societies that value at 4 per cent., and earn 4½ per cent., the colonial average. Valuations at 3½ or 3 per cent., in the earlier stages of a society's career, tend to prevent accumulation of such large surpluses as would be acquired from valuations at 3½ or 4 per cent., but in the later stages they would have the advantage of larger funds to yield surpluses. The whole question involved is as to the laying of a solid foundation.

It will have been gathered from previous articles that the British revenue in the past year was expected to be four millions short of the estimate of the financial year of the Exchequer. Our cable news now gives the deficiency at £3,724,621. It is quite an unusual experience for the revenue of the United Kingdom to be below the estimate. The exceptional circumstances of the year account for the shortage. In its commercial review of the year the "Economist" says:—"Some and strength do not return immediately upon the conclusion of peace, and besides, although some measure of relief was afforded by the reduction of the income tax in April last, we are still called upon to bear a considerable portion of the additional taxation imposed during the war, and this, of course, acts as a serious drag upon progress. In the year under review, moreover business was impeded by political unsettlement both at home and abroad. The disturbances in Macedonia, and the fear that it may lead to serious international complications, was throughout the whole of the year, and still is, a cause of grave anxiety, and the fear of an outbreak of war between Russia and Japan, which has unfortunately been justified by the event, pressed during the latter part of the year the perplexities against which business had to contend, and so operated to restrict trade in an even more potent influence in that direction was the fiscal agitation which Mr. Chamberlain sprang upon the country immediately after his return from South Africa." At the same time the Economist trade was at record figures. The following table shows the Bank of England figures, quotations for Consols and New South Wales 3 per cents., and money market rates of the prices of the principal Australian commodities, in comparison with the figures for the years 1902 and 1903:—

	April 4, 1902.	April 5, 1903.	April 1, 1904.
	£	£	£
Gen and bullion	35,989,000	36,188,000	34,009,000
Circulation	29,110,000	29,357,000	28,973,000
Public deposits	15,129,000	13,609,000	15,499,000
Other deposits	41,142,000	44,091,000	43,310,000
Government securities ...	15,974,000	14,318,000	19,228,000
Other securities	26,384,000	26,046,000	31,345,000
Reserve of notes and coin...	23,010,000	23,205,000	20,534,000
Reserve, of reserve to liability	47.19	47.73	47.15
Bank rate of discount, p.c.	3	4	4
Market rate of disc., p.c. ...	2½	3½	3½
Goschen's Consols	93¼	93⅝	93⅝
N.S.W. 3's, 1933	94	88	86½
Silver, per oz.	24 15-16d	22 11-16d.	25¼d
Lead, lots, W's, common.	£13	£12	£12
Ditto, G's super	£16	£15	£ 14
Tin, per ton	£93	£79	£ 94
Copper, per ton	£ 71 15 s. 9d	£ 72	£ 80
Tallow, per ton	£53	£44	£ 50
Australian mutton, per lb.	5¼d	3 9-16d	5¼d
Aus. mut. tallow, per cwt.	21/6	21/6	24/3

ENGLISH COMMERCIAL.

LONDON, April 2.

RABBITSKINS.

At the periodical sales of rabbitskins 946 bales were offered, and 820 bales sold. Prices were unchanged.

SILVER.

April 3.

Bar silver was quoted yesterday at 2s 1 7-16d per ounce standard, a fall of 1-16d since Wednesday.

BREADSTUFFS.

A deputation of the Port Philip Stevedore Labourers' Association recently waited on the Minister for agriculture to ask that steps should be taken, by legislation, if necessary, to reduce the size of the bags of flour at present used in the state to a uniform weight of three bushels, or 180lb. It was stated that it is the interests of their fellows who were engaged loading bags at the port they were compelled to move in this matter. The size of the bags used had increased years by increased to such an extent that they required some measure of protection. There were few dealing with the overloading of horses, and when the quantity of bags they were ordered to load had increased to as much as 400lb they considered that the State should step in. There had been a lot of merchantable flour used lately, and the weight of those used with wheat varied from 395 to 405 lb. The men could not possibly stand the strain imposed in handling them. All over Australia where the wheat was bagged there was a uniform weight of 180lb, with the result that it was better handled, and the strain on the men considerably relieved. From what they could learn, the shippers and others were in accord with them in their request. Mr. Tait, chairman of the Railway Commissioners, had also expressed himself as favorable to the reduction in size. The Minister said he could quite understand the adoption of the smaller bag by the Americans. As far as he knew the Americans had no argument to support sticking to the four-bushel bag; in fact, he thought the farmer himself would welcome the change. He promised to arrange a conference after the holidays to discuss the matter, and he would communicate with representatives of the various parties interested, and this might possibly result in a mutual understanding being come to in the matter.

IMPORT MARKET.

Trade during the week has been interfered with by the holidays, and it can be said that there were no features that call for special mention. There was, perhaps, a little more demand for some lines, but business cannot be described as brisk in any department. This applies, however, solely to the wholesale trade. In a retail sense more or less retail was there was a good deal of activity. Country visitors, who consulted both of the proffering and storekeeping class, operated fairly freely, the result being that a lot of merchandise will be moved out of the metropolis during the next few days.

PRODUCE INWARDS.

DEVONPORT, Sunday.

The steamer Easby left for Sydney at noon Saturday with 8150 bags potatoes, 52 bags turnips, 195 bags pea, 182 bags oats.

The total export of potatoes to Sydney for the week was 21,902 bags.

QUEENSLAND SUGAR INDUSTRY.

A NEW SUB-DEPARTMENT.

BRISBANE, Sunday.

In giving effect to the recommendations of Dr. Maxwell, it is officially notified that a sub-department, under the Bureau of the Central Sugar Mills, has been established for the better administration of the Sugar Works Guarantee Acts. It is also notified in the "Government Gazette" that until October 27, 1904, Dr. Walter Maxwell is to be the comptroller of the Central Sugar Mills, as well as director of sugar experiment stations, and that, subject to the control of the Treasurer, he has full authority to administer the Sugar Works Guarantee Acts and the affairs of the Bureau of the Central Sugar Mills.

THE SUBURBS.

RANDWICK.

The Railway Commissioners have approved of the removal of the tram waiting room at Cleveland-street to a more convenient position.

WAVERLEY.

The estimated receipts of the council for the ensuing year total £10,323. In the estimated expenditure £6078 is allotted to public works, £2485 interest (including £250 sinking fund towards the repayment of loan), £1400 lighting, £750 scavenging, salaries £800, and £323 for fire brigades contributions.

For the year just closed the receipts were £11,129 and the expenditure £10,569.

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A la circle Bacon, Cheese, Eggs, etc.—Advt.

MINING INTELLIGENCE.

The Mining Exchange was closed on Saturday, and consequently there was no business to report.

Mr. R. N. Kirk, Sydney agent of the Broken Hill Proprietary Company, Ltd., advises the receipt of the following cable by the company:—"London, March 31. Silver, 2s 1d (official quotation); lead, £12 3s 9d (buyers' price); shares, £1 14s (buyers' price)."

The following wire has been received from the manager of the Smith's Creek Proprietary Tin Mines, dated March 31:—"Have driven along new discovery 5ft north and 5th south, still payable. It appears to be split off main ore body."

The following wire has been received from the manager of the Woodlark Island Proprietary, G.M. Company:—"Have cut a body of ore assaying 1oz 12dwt south and 1oz 18dwt north in the 14ft crosscut at the 95ft level. The ground is very troublesome, and slow to work. The clean up will be about 300oz."

The smelters at the Cromwell Creek mine during the week ended March 31 treated 150 tons of ore for 42 tons of matte. Forty-four tons of matte were roasted, producing 20 tons of rough copper. The matte on hand amounted to 40 tons. The output of copper for the month was 74 tons.

MINING IN THE STATE.

ROCKLEY, Saturday.

Mining matters have been fairly quiet in this district lately. The Swallow's Nest battery has been idle for want of water. The No Objection gold mine at Back Creek, owned by Quin and party, has been sold to Mr. J. Rapsund, who has taken over the machinery and mine. Mr. Hooke has been appointed manager, and the battery has started running. The alluvial diggers have had a quiet time, although a few at Gilmandyke and Sewells Creek have been on nice patches. Mr. Stephen Kelly, of Peak Hill, has taken charge of the Little Marvel gold mine at Mount David.

BARRIER MINES.

BROKEN HILL, Saturday.

Although the British Company's productive stopes are looking most satisfactory, and are carrying healthy and clean looking faces, the value of the sulphides won has lately been showing a falling off, the reason for which cannot be explained. Last week the assay of the sulphides mined averaged 14 per cent. lead, 8ioz silver, and 14 per cent. zinc, and the previous week's bulked 14¾ per cent. lead, 8ioz silver, and 15 per cent. zinc. Stoping continues in the Blackwood section from the 240ft level to the intermediate stope at the back of the 500ft level, and at the Howell section from the 300ft to 600ft levels. A new stope has been opened at the 400ft level, in the far north section. This is a body 31ft wide, and was determined by the diamond drill. Access to it is given by a crosscut run in east for nearly 50ft. It is the same body which the diamond drill was endeavouring to locate at the 500ft level, and although the second bore reached 130ft, yet there was no sign of the lode. Two new stopes are also being opened in the Howell section, at the 500ft and 600ft levels. The plant treated last week 2354 tons of crude sulphides, which yielded 287 tons of first and 130 tons of second product, assaying respectively about 62 per cent. lead, 28oz silver, and 8¼ per cent. zinc, and 46 per cent. lead, 25oz silver, and 12 per cent. zinc. Despatches to South Australia amounted to 642 tons, including 119 tons of second product, leaving 410 tons of both products on the mine's floors at the close of the week.

Mr. George Weir, who was lately appointed general manager of the North mine, is busily engaged arranging preliminaries for the resumption of productive work, but it will be some time before the mill is ready for working.

It is stated that Mr. Sheppard, chairman of the Junction North mine, who is at present at Broken Hill, expressed the opinion that the board was conserving the best interests of shareholders by not publishing the information asked for, and by delaying the adoption of any particular process until the Junction North's refractory sulphides had been subjected to experimental trials by other processes now available.

HILLGROVE DIVISION.

HILLGROVE, Saturday.

The manager of the Baker's Creek G.M. Company reports for the week ended March 31:—In the mine at No. 14 level No. 1 reef has been proved a further 29ft north. No. 15 level: The drive on No. 1 reef going north has been extended 5ft. This reef is continuing the usual size. No. 3 reef has been driven on a northerly course an additional 27ft on a fair cut of stone. Stoping is being carried on by the company at the back of Nos. 14 and 15 levels on Nos. 1 and 3 reefs, and tribute parties are working the various portions of the upper levels. On Wednesday last 20 head of stampers started for the company, and five head are starting on tributers' parcels this week.

The New Hillgrove Proprietary Mines, Limited, report:—In the mine driving is being continued in No. 7 level south towards the winze sunk from No. 6 level. Work is being carried on in the leading stopes north and south at No. 5 level, and north at No. 6 level. At the battery the brief foundations for the compressors are completed with the exception of the pier for carrying the outer bearing, and the compressor is in position. The battery has been running two shifts daily since Tuesday, March 22, and works exceedingly well.

The Sunlight mine completed crushings for tributers as follows:—Davis and party, 80 tons for 116oz 17dwt smelted gold; Elliott and party, 31½ tons for 74oz 12dwt; Cox and party (Day's reef), 28 tons for 54oz 12dwt; M'Namara and party, 81 tons 10oz 11dwt; W. West and party, 9 tons for 5oz 2dwt.

It is reported that a new reef has been struck at George's Creek by a prospector named Day. The reef is 4ft wide, carrying antimony and free gold.

Work is proceeding as usual at the Australian Mining and Gold Recovery Company's cyanide plant. The Garibaldi plant is now being cleaned up after two months' run, 76 vats having been treated, totalling 1727 tons.

DEVELOPMENTS AT GILGUNNIA.

GILGUNNIA, Saturday.

Crushing operations have now been completed here at the Dream battery, with results as under:—Her Dream mine, 50 tons for 47oz 8dwt 15gr of smelted gold; Last Chance, Seigel and Sons, 4 tons for 8oz of gold. Eight hour, 10 tons, yielding 12dwt 16gr of gold per ton. A small parcel of stone has also been put through from the Tarcombe Prospectors, J. Blakeway, but the results of which are not yet to hand.

At the Hand in Hand, Messrs. Pommer and Condon are pushing forward energetically with their prospecting drive eastward at the 200ft level. The cyanuiding of the trial crushing from the Narragadore gold, silver, and copper mine has been completed, but results are not as yet known. A considerable quantity of seconds is now being crushed from her Dream mine; the tailings from this will be cyanided.

At the Trilby mine, Four Mile, Messrs. Cole and Son are in 59ft 6in with their western drive at the 100ft level; small vugs of quartz have been come upon in the last 5 or 6 feet, carrying a little gold, and from present indications it is anticipated that the main reef is in close proximity.

OPERATIONS AT MORUYA.

MORUYA, Saturday.

Bimbimbi miners cleaned up this week, with the following results:—Crushed, 199 tons, by pyanide, 37oz 12dwt; by cyanide, 37oz 18dwt; battery, 57oz 2dwt; by cyanide 40oz gold. 2 tons of concentrates gave 40oz gold.

CHARTERS TOWERS FIELD.

BRISBANE, Saturday.

The dividends from the Charters Towers Mines during the month of March amounted to £30,000, and calls to £3500. The quarter's dividends amounted to £103,000, and calls to £35,000.

GOLD YIELDS.

Band of Hope crushed 170 tons for 160oz gold.

Queen Cross Reef crushed 1106 tons for 808oz gold; also residues sold for £2500.

REPORTS.

The manager of the Comet Creek mine reports for the week ended March 31:—110 level: south drive driven 6ft, a little ore showing in face; 270ft level: No. 9 winze sunk 6ft, total 50ft, now sinking in ground slopes; sent 400 trucks of good stone to mill, hoisting well; 330ft level, western crosscut, started at the level opposite eastern crosscut and driven 4ft, carrying lode; ore of low grade; cut out and sent to mill.

THE NEW PUBLIC LIBRARY SITE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—It is highly gratifying that the selection of a suitable site, and the erection of a new public library, are at length settled. I decidedly differ from your correspondent "Reader," and am of opinion that the site chosen is an excellent one. The Art Gallery, Library, and Museum are three kindred institutions, containing many things intimately associated with one another. Failing to have them under one roof, they should certainly be contiguous.

At present they are widely and inconveniently separated. The building of the new Library adjoining, and in a line with the Art Gallery, will have the good effect of bringing two out of the three important institutions close together. It is to be hoped that a building worthy of the mother State and our magnificent collection of books will be erected.

In addition to Mr. D. S. Mitchell's noble gift, no doubt many generous bequests will fall to the library, for which provision must be made. The method adopted in the erection of the Art Gallery of building a wing at a time will doubtless be a safe one to follow in the case of the new Library. The first consideration is to erect a wing to hold the great Mitchell collection, and to remove the contents of the present library from the risk of destruction by fire, to which at present it is exposed.

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March 28. SEROPIAS.

THE ROYAL SHOW.

A RECORD SATURDAY CROWD.

OVER 25,000 PEOPLE.

THE DAY'S TAKINGS, £1294.

Though Saturday morning was cloudy thousands of people risked the weather and filled the trams in the forenoon. Before 12 o'clock the wide roadway leading from the gates was filled with a moving crowd, and presently there was a crush in the large pavilion, and the people were thronging through the other buildings. The ground dried very quickly, and there was a bright and cheerful aspect which increased as the clouds cleared off and the sun asserted himself apparently unashamed at his defections of the previous show days. In the afternoon it was evident to experienced visitors that the attendance would be a record for an Easter Saturday. The gate returns supported the estimate, and indicated that over 25,000 people had attended.

The gate receipts totalled £1294, being £215 over that put together on Easter Saturday last year, and making the total for this show to date £2018, against about £3306 at the same period in 1902. These figures do not include the takings on the first judging day. In all probability considerable leeway will be recovered to-day, but it is unlikely that last year's total takings—£6804 14s 1d—will be equalled this show. Had fine weather prevailed all through the receipts would certainly have beaten the record of 1901, which was £7283 7s 1d. Under the circumstances, it is satisfactory to learn that the financial position of the society is much better than at this period of last year, indeed the council will have a most satisfactory statement to make to members should this week's weather prove moderately favourable.

The parades of live stock were very fine on Saturday, and the interested crowds had several good displays before them. The delivery turnouts were remarkably good, harness, carts, and horses being most attractively turned out, whilst the horses were very superior in all these classes. The Royal Hunters' Contest, first prize £50, was the principal attraction. The fences for this competition are 4ft 6in, and stiff, and the horses carry 12st, and must, in the judge's opinion, be up to that weight with hounds. Entries were not nearly so good as last year, when there was a great contest, but several falls, and it is popularly supposed that the fences have scared away a number of competitors. Very few of the horses competing Saturday were equal to the timber. The horse Premier, which fell on his rider, Augus Ranken, and broke his neck, was apparently green and unschooled, quite unequal to jumping the logs over which the trial begins. How any horseman could imagine that such an animal would safely negotiate half a dozen stiff 4ft 6in fences is unexplicable. The contest is unfinished. The most exciting event was the water jump, in which Mr. V. J. Tarlinton's Skylark again won easily. Skylark held the record of the ground, 31ft 4in, and his rider sent him several times to try and beat this, a prize of £5 being offered for the feat. His first jump, 30ft 9in, was, however, his best effort to-day.

The music, by Mr. De Groen's excellent band, assists very greatly to the enjoyment of the afternoons on the lawn in front of the grand stand. On Saturday the programme was well chosen and capitally performed.

The following is the programme of ring events for to-day:—11 a.m., Royal Hunters' Contest; 12 to 1 p.m., saddle and harness horses, ponies in harness; 2 p.m., horses and ponies, stallions and mares, ponies in saddle; 2.30 p.m., bulls and cows; 3.30 p.m., high jump; 4.15 p.m., equestrienne (over hurdles); 5 p.m., motor cars.

Through a clerical error Miss Eadith Walker was credited with winning the first prize for Jersey bull calf under 12 months. The successful exhibitor, however, was Mr. W. M'Culloch, Victoria, with Magnet's Boy 20th.

THE RING EVENTS.

Those who on Friday were disappointed through the parades of stock having to be dispensed with were compensated on Saturday, when the ring presented a very animated and attractive appearance. The parades of horses, cattle, and dogs were all most interesting and excellently conducted, and the many beautiful animals elicited hearty admiration from the thousands of spectators.

The Royal hunters' contest of £100, in which the horses had to be judged for hunting qualifications over 4ft 6in stiff fences, attracted only 10 competitors. The opinion was generally expressed that many more horses would have been entered were the fences not so high. Mr. J. M. Arnott's Young Highlander put up a good even performance, only rapping slightly at the last obstacle. Mr. H. D. Morton's Cockspur, the winner of last year's contest, also topped the last obstacle fully, though he rapped very slightly twice. Messrs. Fitzgerald Brothers' Cadet acquitted himself well, though his performance was a somewhat uneven one. Mr. W. Duck's Premier made an unsatisfactory beginning, blundering badly and unseating his rider at the first jump. At the second attempt he struck the hurdle heavily, and the third was little better. Then what many of the spectators had feared occurred. Premier was pluckily though unwisely taken at the fourth obstacle, which he struck very heavily, and, as the result that his rider (Mr. Angus Ranken, of Junee) was thrown with much force to the ground, while the horse, turning almost a complete somersault, rolled upon him as he lay prostrate. Mr. Ranken was quite scrambled to his feet, but instantly fell again to the ground, and the Civil Ambulance and Transport Brigade, being quickly on the scene, conveyed him to the Sydney Hospital, where it was ascertained that his right ankle was broken, and that he was also suffering from other minor injuries. Mr. V. J. Tarlinton's Camphor gave a good exhibition of jumping, and Mr. H. D. Morton's Demos registered a splendid performance, just touching a couple of the fences. Messrs. Fitzgerald Brothers' Stockman, a lightly-built animal, made no mistakes in clearing each obstacle with several inches to spare. Mr. J. Phillips's Camden rapped three of the rails in the first round and one in the second. Mr. Edward Terry's Nervous gave an indifferent display. He cleared the first two jumps well, at the third he rapped lightly, and at the fourth almost threw his rider, who cleverly recovered himself. In the second round Nervous did considerably better. Mr. J. Phillips's Dan, who was the last to perform, rapped every one of the fences. This contest is to be continued to-day.

Half a dozen competitors contested the water jump of £15. Mr. W. H. Anderson's Actor almost cleared the water, his jump measuring 25ft 4in. Mr. P. Hudson's Volunteer did not do so well, the distance covered being only 21ft 5in. Messrs. Fitzgerald Brothers' Stockman splashed into the middle of the water, and the same owner's Cadet declined to jump. Messrs. O'Gorman Brothers' Sun successfully negotiated the task, clearing 26ft 9in. Then Mr. V. J. Tarlinton's Skylark, who holds the Royal Show jump, 31ft 4in, again distinguished himself by carrying off the prize with a jump of 30ft 5in. Skylark endeavoured to break his own record, and thus earn a special prize of £5, but in his first attempt only covered 29ft 6in., and in his second 28ft.

The programme terminated with a trotting exhibition in saddle. Peri Huon was defeated by The Member over four rounds of the ring in 2m 51s; Lightfoot beat Thurlow in 2m 45 2-5s; and Julian, by herself, covered the distance in 3m 5s. Mr. W. J. Beckett's Lightfoot was thus awarded first prize, and Mr. J. Brogan's The Member second.

The following are the awards:—

Horse, to be driven in a lady's phaeton by a lady: F. A. Mackenzie, 1; W. Hendon, jun., 2.

Water Jump: Mr. V. J. Tarlinton's Skylark by Moorlands from Blackthorn, aged, 30ft 5in, 1; O'Gorman Brothers' Sun, 2.

Trotting exhibition in saddle: Mr. W. J. Beckett's b m Lightfoot, 1; Mr. James Brogan's The Member, 2.

ADDITIONAL HORSE AWARDS.

Pony jumping, not exceeding 12.2, over hurdles: F. E. Thew's Stella II., 1; Alf. Phillips' Paddy, 2.

Trotting exhibition in harness (open to trotters and pacers): Jas. Brogan's The Member and W. J. Beckett's Lightfoot divided first prize.

BUSINESS TURNOUTS, WAGGONS, AND LORRIES.

Milk delivery cart, fitted with utensils, the complete turnout, with horse and harness: J. W. M'Anally, 1; A. Bennett, 2.

Butcher's delivery cart, complete turnout, with horse and harness: E. Barbier, 1.

Baker's cart, complete turnout, with horse and harness: F. A. Sargent, 1; William White, 2.

Turnout (internal delivery van, horse, harness (to be property of exhibitor): Croudace Bros., 1; Andrew Rodgers, 2.

Four-horse waggon or lorry, drawn by four horses: Schweppes, Ltd., 1; Kilners, 2.

Two-horse waggon or lorry, drawn by two horses: Schweppes, Ltd., 1.

Light harness two-horse waggon or lorry, drawn by two horses: Schweppes, Ltd., 1; Wm. Stokes, 2.

One-horse waggon or lorry: J. M'Intosh, 1; R. Braddick, 2.

Best hansom cab horse: W. Tuxton, 1; J. Galbraith, 2; Con Sewell.

VEHICLES.

One of the most successful as well as attractive branches of the show exhibits is that which is embraced in coachbuilding. This year the entries are as a whole larger than ever, and every class shows decided improvement. Two broughams—one by Angus and Son, the other by Haining and Son—are well worth inspection. The former secures the place of honour, being awarded a gold medal; but there is really very little to choose. In the opinion of experts, these would grace any show in the world. A large entry in cabs is made, both public and private, and it can easily be understood that the judges had hard work to come to a decision in making awards. John Collins, gold medal and T. J. Cope, silver medal, showing to advantage. There was sometimes not more than a point, or even half a point, in competition, and the workmanship is of a very high class. Dogcarts and carts come next to cabs in importance in the department. The best cart is that shown by Haining and Son. In village carts Thomas Moore and Sons take the lead. Bulkies all round are superior to those at any previous display on the ground, showing superior workmanship and finish. Bakers' and butchers' carts, though small in number, are high in class. Olding and Parker's covered business waggon was awarded first prize and silver medal. Farm waggons, suitable for upcountry work, to carry heavy loads up to 80cwt, are of exceptionally high merit. In these classes G. T. Bennett stands out so prominently that he has carried off most of the first prizes and has secured the gold medal for the best collection of table-top, farm, and box waggons, and lorry up to 80cwt. This exhibitor is first also in the collection of vehicles manufactured of colonial timber. There is a gruesome humour in noting the interest taken in the two hearses shown—the one by C. J. Pitman, the other by J. Mackey. The latter, from a coachbuilder's point of view, was referred to in high terms by the judges, and secured first prize. C. J. Pitman's hearse was awarded a special prize for a most elaborate exhibit of coachbuilding and carving. J. Munro's display of bent wood is as meritorious as ever, and B. Turnbull's show of bodies had an interest for the trade. Olding and Parker's collection of colonial-made wheels possessed considerable merit; and the Pioneer Spring Company were awarded a special prize and gold medal for their display. In varnishes Manders Brothers came in for special mention at the hands of the judges, and were awarded a special and a silver medal.

It is unfortunate that the vehicles are compelled to occupy cramped positions because of the want of sufficient room. There was not enough space to accommodate all exhibits under the one roof, and it was necessary to find shelter in a couple of large tents. The chief steward of the section (Mr. W. S. Vial) had his work cut out to cope with this fast extending branch of the show, and apparently the difficulties have been satisfactorily coped with.

ROYAL CHAMPION BUTTER FAT TEST.

THE "SYDNEY MAIL" PRIZE.

MR. F. A. M'KENZIE SUCCESSFUL.

The contest for the test prizes was a very interesting one. Ten cows were entered, and six competed. No great record was made, but the cows milked well and tested fairly well, each proving herself a profitable animal. The tests originally established by the proprietors of the "Sydney Mail," have been added to by the society, which now holds what is termed a champion competition, but is really open to all comers. The first prize is £10, which must be won three times before it is paid over, and the society gives £10 10s to the winner each year, and £5 5s to the second. Up to this year the only difference between the conditions of the two competitions was that the champion test was decided on butter fat alone, while results obtained by churning a small commercial butter for the "Sydney Mail" prize. This year, however, the conditions of the latter were altered to allow cows calved at any time points for the length of the period during which they had been in milk. This contest is not yet over, and its value is not yet been recognised by exhibitors. For the champion prize of £100, Mr. F. A. Mackenzie, who won this year, has scored a second leg, and has only to win once more to secure the honour and the cash; Mr. Fryan and Mr. A. Bell each have one leg to. The cows, as usual, were milked six times, and their returns therefore represent butter produced by each in three days. Dorre gave 1751b 2oz of milk, equal to about an average of six gallons, and she was first in the contest for the most milk yielded. Mr. W. H. Dean's Queenie scored in the butter test, being second with 10lb less, and Mr. M'Kenzie's Scotchy third.

THE BUTTER FAT TESTS.

1.—F. A. M'Kenzie's cow Dorrie :—

Milk. lb			Test.		Butter Fat.
35	1	...	5·2	...	1·831
35	3	...	3·8	...	·937
33	15	...	3·1	...	1·038
33	11	...	4·0	...	·947
32	10	...	3·1	...	1·011
34	13	...	4·7	...	·918
173	5			Commercial butter	5·896lb

W. H. Dean's cow Queenie :—

Milk. lb			Test.		Butter Fat.
31	1	...	3·2	...	·994
31	3	...	4·0	...	·992
29	15	...	4·6	...	·718
29	14	...	3·9	...	·931
31	14	...	2·6	...	·812
34	15	...	4·7	...	1·172
165	2			Commercial butter	5·569lb

G. Elliott's cow Grace :—

Milk. lb			Test.		Butter Fat.
26	2	...	3·6	...	*·992
19	15	...	5·3	...	1·036
21	3	...	3·3	...	·780
22	1	...	4·7	...	1·086
26	7	...	3·0	...	·793
21	3	...	4·6	...	·974
142	0			Commercial butter	5·561lb

F. A. M'Kennie's cow Alice :—

Milk. lb			Test.		Butter Fat.
23	2	...	4·9	...	1·006
17	13	...	5·1	...	·956
18	9	...	3·7	...	·778
18	9	...	4·2	...	·779
20	11	...	3·6	...	·869
17	12	...	3·8	...	·650
129	6			Commercial butter	5·031lb

Kamaruka Estate, Vanilla :—

Milk. lb			Test.		Butter Fat.
25	0	...	3·8	...	*950
17	14	...	4·6	...	·870
23	1	...	3·7	...	·853
18	5	...	4·4	...	·717
17	9	...	3·2	...	·563
14	13	...	4·6	...	·741
119	15			Commercial butter	4·694lb

F. A. M'Kennie's cow Scotchy :—

Milk. lb			Test.		Butter Fat.
22	11	...	3·9	...	*980
18	13	...	3·7	...	·698
23	6	...	3·1	...	·724
17	6	...	3·8	...	·660
21	13	...	3·5	...	·761
18	2	...	4·1	...	·743
121	7			Commercial butter	4·326lb

MILK PRIZE.

For cows yielding the greatest quantity of milk in three days :—

F. A. M'Kenzie's Dorrie, 175lb 8oz, 1; W. H. Dean's Queenie, 165lb 3oz, 2; F. A. M'Kenzie's Alice, 132lb 8oz, 3.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Linde Australian Refrigeration Company (J. Wildridge and Sinclair), of 82 Pitt-street, Sydney, are exhibiting a "Linde" machine in full work, operated by an electric motor, the current being generated by a dynamo worked by an oil engine. The electric plant is of the Siemens well-known type. The Linde Company is also showing a new type of cream separator, with Link blades, easily cleaned and fitted together. The firm is also showing centrifugal pumps, fans, marine machinery, steam and ammonia indicators, and expansion piping wound in various shapes.

In the main pavilion Messrs. Moore and Moore and Eley, Limited, make an admirable display of fruits and preserves. This is a well-known Sydney firm, being the agents for the Agricultural College fruits, and for Harrison and Co.'s imported preserves. The exhibit is well worthy of attention.

Attention was drawn by the "Herald" some time ago to a new invention which promised to do away with all the worry and discomfort of the much-dreaded spring cleaning. It is known as Booth's patent, and is being operated by the Australasian Vacuum Cleaner Company, Limited, for which Messrs. W. and A. M'Arthur, Limited, of Macquarie-place, Sydney, are the agents. The process, which amounts to a revolution in the cleaning of carpets, upholstery, etc, is illustrated at the show, and during the past few days has attracted considerable attention. It is an doubtedly a very ingenious machine, and so simple that it can be easily taken to private or business houses requiring to be cleaned, and while it does its work much more effectively than under the old laborious process the cost is practically infinitesimal. Those interested may see the contrivance at work near Messrs. J. and C. Howard's exhibit.

The firm of J. C. Hutton, ham and bacon curers, of Sydney, Melbourne, and Brisbane, have a splendid trophy of the products of their factories exhibited in the main pavilion. The "Pinesapple" hams and bacon have now attained a very high position in the estimation of buyers, their excellence being recognised throughout the Commonwealth.

The old-established firm of John Buncle and Son show a good display of their specialities. The quality of the chaffcutters manufactured by this firm is well known, machines of their manufacture being found in every part of the Commonwealth. Many improvements have recently been introduced, and the new "Nonpareil" duplex bagger, fitted with cast-steel in and out safety gear, improved feed rollers, and patent adjustable frame cover to prevent the hay from choking, etc, render the machine thoroughly up-to-date. This machine is capable of cutting and bagging 40 tons of hay in eight hours. A smaller chaffcutter, known as "the Gem," is also shown, together with saw benches, corn-crushers, horse-works, etc, making in all a neat collection.

Mr. J. Matterson's Australian terrier, Captain S., champion in the section at the show, slipped its collar on Friday, and was kicked by a horse and killed.

AWARDS.

FURNITURE, etc.

Decorative work: Mrs. S. Agate, crazy crocker work, A.

Cutlery, fire and other arms: W. J. Baker was awarded 10 firsts and a gold medal for veterinary instruments; Mick Simmons, The Maine Rifle, 1.

Jewellery or ornamental in gold, silver, or other metals: Chicago Jewellery Co., gold wire name brooches, etc., 1.

Brushes: Charles Berry, Manilla rope dusters, hand made, special.

Extra class: G. W. Burton, fancy lead work best out of sheet lead in a case, 1 and special; J. W. E. George, model of electric launch, 1 and special; W. Harris, collection of shell work pictures, 1; M. Livingstone, collection pencil drawings (amateur), 1 and special; Miss Simmons, C.B.B. briars, 1 and special and gold medal.

BREAD.

Baker's bread: Jacobs Brothers, 1; E. A. Crisps, 2.

Home-made bread: W. Buchan, 1.

DRESSED POULTRY MEATS.

Best goose, dressed: W. H. Robinson, 1.

Best pair of ducks, dressed: N.S.W. Fish and Poultry Supply Company, 1.

Best pair of fowls, dressed: W. H. Robinson, 1 and 2.

Best sucking pig, dressed: R. Fennell, 1.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Lucania Candle Company, 1; Washington Soul and Co., special, for collective exhibit.

Gardiner, Bonds, for collective exhibit; W. Vicars and Son, gold medal, for tweeds.

Set of horseshoes: James Lonergan.

Horse and cow rugs: Smith, Copeland, and Co., 1; J. Robertson, 2.

Aberdeen waterproof coats: A special prize was awarded Smith, Copeland, and Co.

Oversteel platform counter scales: Mr. James Wedderburn, 1.

POULTRY.—Additional Award.

W. Heron, champion in Australian game, any other colour hen or pullet.

STUD STOCK SALES.

PITT, SON, AND BADGERY'S SALES.

Mr. H. S. Badgery (of Messrs. Pitt, Son, and Badgery) conducted a sale of stock on the showground early on Saturday morning, attended by buyers principally from the Jersey cattle submitted on behalf of Mr. James M'Culloch, of Barhoim, Oakleigh, Victoria. The following sales were effected:—

Magnet 14th, by Milkiad 4th from Magnet 11th—Mr. S. J. Raebone, Sydney, 23 guineas.

Milkmaid 2nd, by Magnet's Boy 2nd from Milkmaid —Mr. S. J. Raebone, Sydney, 26 guineas.

Claribelle 2nd, by Angler's Boy (imp.) from Pattibelle (imp.)—Mr. S. J.

FUNERALS.

WEBB.—The Friends of Mr. HUGH GEORGE WEBB are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of this late dearly loved WIFE; to leave his residence, Metropolitan Hotel, 244 George-street, city, THIS MORNING, at 8.20, for Waverley Cemetery.
COFFILL and COMPANY,
Funeral Directors.

BRUNSDEN.—The Friends of Mrs. JOSEPH BRUNSDEN are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of her late dearly loved HUSBAND; to leave his late residence, 134 Mount-street, North Sydney, THIS MORNING, at 10.30, for St. Thomas' Cemetery.
COFFILL and COMPANY,
Funeral Directors,
Sydney and Suburbs.

WISE.—The Friends of Mrs. PLINY W. WISE and FAMILY are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved HUSBAND and FATHER; to leave his late residence, 10 Oxford-street, Ronelle, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Field of Mars Cemetery.
COFFILL and COMPANY,
Undertakers, etc.

SHIP PAINTERS and DOCKERS' UNION.—The Members respectfully request the attendance of those union men to attend the Funeral of our late Bro. PLINY WISE; to move from his late residence, No. 10 Oxford-street, Ronelle, at 2.45 p.m. TO-DAY, for the Field of Mars Cemetery. E. H. Tarlington, pros.; R. Mahony, sec.

M'COY.—The Funeral of the late RICHARD M'COY will leave his late residence, Ricardo, Park-road, Marrickville, THIS (Monday) AFTERNOON, the 4th instant, at 1.45, for Stanmore Station, thence Wesleyan Cemetery, Rookwood.
COFFILL and CO.,
Funeral Directors.

M'COY.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. F. WHEELER are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly beloved BROTHER, Richard M'Coy; to move from his late residence, Ricardo, Park-road, Marrickville, THIS AFTERNOON, for the Necropolis.

WARTON.—The Friends of Mr. J. W. WARTON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his dearly beloved BROTHER, Elimbeth Warton; to move from his residence, 455 Liverpool-street, Paddington, THIS DAY, Monday, at 3.45 a.m., for Randwick Cemetery. CHARLES KINSELLA, 116 Oxford-street.

ROSE.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. PARTRIDGE are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved DAUGHTER, Annie E. Rose, which will leave their residence, Botany-street, Waterloo, on TUESDAY AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for the Necropolis. J. MEDCALF, Undertaker, Redfern.

THE Members of the Shipwrights' Provident Union are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late Member, ALEXANDER HUNTER, which will leave his late residence, 1 Wallace-street, Balmain, THIS DAY, at 3 o'clock, for Necropolis.
JOHN TRAVERS, Secretary.

BELL.—The Friends of Mr. HENRY BELL are kindly invited to attend his Funeral; to move from his late residence, 158 Sutherland-street, Paddington, THIS DAY, Monday, at 1 p.m., for Rookwood Cemetery.
CHARLES KINSELLA,
Tel., 902. 116 Oxford-street.

BELL.—The Friends of Mrs. CATHERINE BELL are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved SON and BROTHER, Henry Bell; to move from 158 Sutherland-street, Paddington, THIS DAY, MONDAY, at 1 p.m., for Rookwood Cemetery.
CHARLES KINSELLA, 116 Oxford-street.

TRAVELLERS' HOME LODGE, G.U.O.O.F.—The Officers and Members of the above Branch are requested to attend the Funeral of Bro. HENRY BELL, to move from Sutherland-street, Paddington, THIS DAY, Monday, at 1 p.m.
E. FRANCIS, N.G.
F. A. RICKETTS, Sec.

DAVIS.—The Friends of Mrs. B. DAVIS are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved HUSBAND, Charles Herbert; to move from his residence, Inverness-avenue, Penshurst, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Sutherland Cemetery, by 2.10 train from Sydney.
CHAS. KINSELA, Funeral Director,
Rockdale; and 765 George-street, city.

DAVIS.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. THOMAS DAVIS are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved SON, Charles; to move from their residence, Inverness-avenue, Penshurst, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Sutherland Cemetery.
CHAS. KINSELA, Undertaker, Rockdale.

DAVIS.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. ALFRED DAVIS, of Rockdale, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved BROTHER, Charles; to move from his late residence, Inverness-avenue, Penshurst, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Sutherland Cemetery, by 2.10 p.m. train from Sydney.

DAVIS.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN WANE, of Arncliffe, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved BROTHER, Charles Davis; to move from his late residence, Inverness-avenue, Penshurst, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Sutherland Cemetery. C. KINSELA, Undertaker.

DAVIS.—The Friends of Captain NUTMAN, of Moreman, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of late CHARLES HERBERT DAVIS; to move from his late residence, Inverness-avenue, Penshurst, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for burial in Sutherland Cemetery, by 2.10 p.m. train from Sydney. CHAS. KINSELA, Undertaker, etc.

DAVIS.—The Friends of Misses ALICE and VENA DAVIS are kindly invited to attend Funeral of their late beloved BROTHER, Charles; to move from their residence, Inverness-avenue, Penshurst, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Sutherland Cemetery, by 2.10 p.m. train from Sydney. CHAS. KINSELA.

LLEWELLYN.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. RICHARD CONNOR are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved DAUGHTER and SISTER, Annie Llewellyn; to leave her late residence, 22 Palace-street, Ashfield, THIS (Monday) AFTERNOON, at 1.45, for the Necropolis.

MURPHY.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. THOMAS MURPHY are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved SON, John; to leave 387 Edgeware-terrace, Victoria-road, Marrickville, THIS DAY, at 1.40, for Petersham station, thence to Necropolis. G. SHYING, Undertaker, 176 Geo.-st West.

HUNTER.—The Friends of the late Captain ALEXANDER HUNTER are kindly invited to attend his Funeral, which will move from his late residence, No. 1 Wallace-street, Balmain, THIS (Monday) AFTERNOON, at 1 o'clock, for Presbyterian Cemetery, Norton-st., via Mortuary Station, Sydney.
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HELMICH.—The Funeral of the late ANTHONY THOMAS HELMICH will move from his late residence, Cefn Bryn, Erie-road, Artarmon, THIS MONDAY, at noon, for Waverley Cemetery.
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GRILLS.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. GRILLS are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved SON, Thomas H., which will leave their residence, 76 Regent-street, Redfern, THIS AFTERNOON, at a quarter to 2 o'clock, for the Necropolis.
J. MEDCALF, Undertaker, Redfern.

LLEWELLYN.—The Friends and Relatives of Mr. THOMAS LLEWELLYN and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved WIFE and MOTHER, Annie; to move from 23 Palace-street, Ashfield, THIS (Monday) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Methodist Cemetery, Rookwood, via Ashfield station. F. J. REID,
Undertaker, Ashfield.

LOGUE.—The Funeral of the late Mrs. LETITIA LOGUE will leave her late residence, 43 Victoria-street, Waverley, on THIS (Monday) AFTERNOON, at 2.30, for Waverley R.C. Cemetery.
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THE Friends of Mrs. BREEN and Family are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved AUNT, Letitia Logue; to move from her late residence, 43 Victoria-street, Waverley, THIS (Monday) AFTERNOON, at half-past 2, for the Waverley Cemetery.

GREISEN.—The Funeral of Mrs. MARY ANN GREISEN will leave her late residence, Denmarkville, Liverpool-road, Burwood, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2.45, for Enfield Cemetery.
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LEGAL NOTICES.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of SAMUEL BAKER HAWKE, late of Hawkes Nest, Wingham, in the State of New South Wales, Farmer, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will and Testament of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to ADAM HERKEN and JAMES BROWN, the Executors named in the said Will; and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned. DAVID COWAN, Solicitor for the Executors, Belmore Hall, Taree.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of EMMA ELIZA PARKER, late of Wingham, in the State of New South Wales, Married Woman, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to HENRY PARKER, the Husband of the said deceased, and Application will be made to this Honourable Court that the usual Administration Bond and Sureties may be dispensed with; and all notices may be served at the office of G. E. RUSSELL JONES, 92 Elizabeth-street, Sydney. P. J. MEYER, Proctor for Administrator. Bank-chambers, Montague-street, Goulburn. By his Agent; G. E. RUSSELL JONES, 92 Elizabeth-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of EDWARD WILLIAM O'DONNELL, late of Yarragundry, near Wagga Wagga, in the State of New South Wales, Station Overseer.—Application will be made to this Court after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to ELLEN O'DONNELL, of Yarragundry, near Wagga Wagga, in the State aforesaid, Widow, the Executrix named in the said Will; and all notices may be served on and all claims against the said Estate are required to be rendered forthwith to the undersigned Proctor. W. M. J. WALSH, Proctor for Executrix, Wagga Wagga. Agents: McDONELL and MOFFITT, George and Wynyard streets, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—In the Estate of JOHN GEORGE CORDEROY, late of Narromine, in the State of New South Wales, Farmer, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to JANET CORBEROY, the Widow of the said deceased; and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned, Narromine. Dated this 31st day of March, 1904. SHOLTO PERCIVAL KEMP, Proctor for the said Janet Corderoy. Narromine.

TO the LICENSING COURT of the METROPOLITAN LICENSING DISTRICT, SYDNEY.—I, FREDERICK WALTER BANKS, of 139 Underwood-street, Paddington, do hereby give NOTICE that I desire to obtain, and will at the next quarterly Licensing Court, to be holden at Water Police Court, on the 11th day of April, 1904, apply for a CERTIFICATE authorising the issue of a Colonial Wine License for a house situate at Fort Macquarie Picnic Jetties, assessed at rental of £100 a year. Dated 2nd April, 1904. FREDERICK WALTER BANKS, Caterer, 139 Underwood-street, Paddington.

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AMUSEMENTS.
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10.45 a.m.—Grand Lodge will be called to order by the G.C., Bro. Hon. J. L. Wilson.
Tuesday, 5th.—Morning and afternoon sessions devoted to general business. Evening session, Election of Grand Lodge officers.
Wednesday, 6th.—Morning session, Installation of Grand Lodge Officers, Afternoon session, General business. Evening session, Reception of kindred societies; Public Demonstration.
Thursday, 7th, Afternoon.—Harbour Excursion, specially for country representatives.
N.B.—All Meetings to be held in the Y.M.C.A. Hall, corner Pitt and Bathurst streets.
W. H. MITCHELL, Grand Sec.

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An Exhibition of Books on ARCHITECTURE will be held in the Board-room, first-street, on WEDNESDAY, April 6, 4.30-6, and 7.30-9 p.m. A Lecturette will be given at 8 p.m. by MR. JOHN SULMAN, F.R.I.B.A. All interested in the subject cordially invited.
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UNION CLUB.—Members are reminded that the Ballot Meeting, of which due notice has been given, will be held TO-MORROW, 5th April, 1904, at 1 o'clock p.m. C. H. BURNSIDE, Secretary.

AUSTRALIAN FREETRADE AND LIBERAL LEAGUE.—Inaugural MEETING, Queen's Hall, Pitt-street, TUESDAY, 8 p.m. See to-morrow's advertisement.

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By order,
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The attention of Indian Buyers, Cabmen, Butchers, Bakers, and Dealers generally is directed to this Sale. See To-morrow's issue for further particulars.

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By Order of the
PERPETUAL TRUSTEE CO., LTD.,
as Executors of the Estate Captain T. Hamilton.

PARISH OF MANLY COVE.—Block of Land, 2 ACRES 1 r. and 28 per., part of Sec. G, DARLEY ESTATE, fronting Sturgaret, O'Connell, and Gertrude streets. TORRENS.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, 8th APRIL, at 11.30 a.m.
The above described Land. (794)

PALMER-STREET, BALMAIN.

COTTAGE, No. 31, of weatherboards, having verandah, half hall, four rooms, and various sheds. Land, 30ft frontage x 150ft through to Valley-street; convenient to ferry.

AUCTION SALE, FRIDAY, APRIL 8, at 11 o'clock.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd. (794)

PELHAM-STREET, DOUBLE BAY.
A Desirable Investment in this Handy Tram Suburb.
THREE NEAT SUITABLE COTTAGES, Nos. 4, 6, and 8, each verandahs, the two former of brick. One has 5 rooms, kitchen, bath, and washhouse; the next has one room less; the third is of weatherboard, and equal size to the lastnamed. Land, 99 feet 8 inches by 82½ feet, wide at rear. Leasehold, 54 years to run at low ground rental of £8 yearly.
Ought to be Inspected, as very serviceable.
AUCTION SALE, FRIDAY, 8th APRIL, at 11 o'clock.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd. (775)

IN THE ESTATE LATE ABRAHAM MARKS.
UNDERWOOD ESTATE, PLEMINGTON,
on both sides of the Land at the Station.
LOTS 1, 2, 9, and 10, sec. 10, having 105ft 8in frontage to Victoria Parade, and 288ft to Richmond-road. Depth on the southern boundary, 200ft.
LOT 3, sec. 10, having 88ft 10in frontage to Victoria Parade, and 200ft to Eastbourne-road.
LOTS 4 and 14, sec. 8, having frontages of 50ft to Marrickville-road, and 30ft to Hannaysmith-road, depth through 400ft.
IN LOTS TO SUIT PURCHASERS. PLAN ON VIEW AT THE ROOMS. TORRENS TITLE.
S. J. BUTLER, Esq., Solicitor, Sydney.
A. J. M'DONALD, Esq., King-street, Solicitor to the Estate.
AUCTION SALE AT THE ROOMS, PITT-STREET, ON FRIDAY, APRIL 8th, at 11 O'CLOCK.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd. (779)

KILLARA PARK ESTATE,
KILLARA.
18 CHOICE BLOCKS, close to KILLARA GOLF LINKS, and within a few minutes of KILLARA STATION; elevation about 400ft above sea level. Best available Sites in Killara. Title, Torrens.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., in conjunction with JAMES G. EDWARDS and CO., will sell the above by PUBLIC AUCTION, on the Ground,
SATURDAY, 9th April, at 3.30 p.m.
Lithos on application.
BEAUTIFUL SITES,
for elevation, outlook, and nearness to station.
ROCKDALE.
Just the spot for a home or investment cottage.
The residue of the
RAILWAY STATION ESTATE,
fronting ALEXANDRA-PARADE, facing line, RAWSON-STREET, KING EDWARD-STREET, and HARROW-ROAD.
The Frontages generally are
30 to 40 FEET each.
Almost all depths are about 150ft.
TORRENS TITLE.
TERMS: 10 per cent. deposit, 15 per cent. in 2 mos.; balance 6, 12, and 18 months at 5 per cent. interest. No interest if cash paid within 3 months.
A Chance to
BUILDERS, SPECULATORS, and HOME-SEEKERS
to acquire
CHOICE RESIDENTIAL SITES
close to railway station, and
commanding extensive and charming views.
INSPECTION SPECIALLY INVITED.
Lithographs ready.
AUCTION SALE, SATURDAY, 15th APRIL, at the Rooms, 98 Pitt-street, at 11.30 a.m.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., in conjunction with WATKIN and WATKIN. (766)

ORDER OF SALE
FOR SHARES AND SUNDRY PROPERTIES,
to be OFFERED by PUBLIC AUCTION,
at the ROOMS, 133 PITT-STREET,
NEXT WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 1904,
at 11.30 a.m.
SHARES CIVIL SERVICE CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.
NORTH SYDNEY.—2 Semi-detached COTTAGES, Nos. 118 and 120 Burlington-street.
NORTH SYDNEY.—Detached COTTAGE, known as Fairview, No. 210 Walker-street.
NORTH SYDNEY.—COTTAGE, known as Wyalla, fronting